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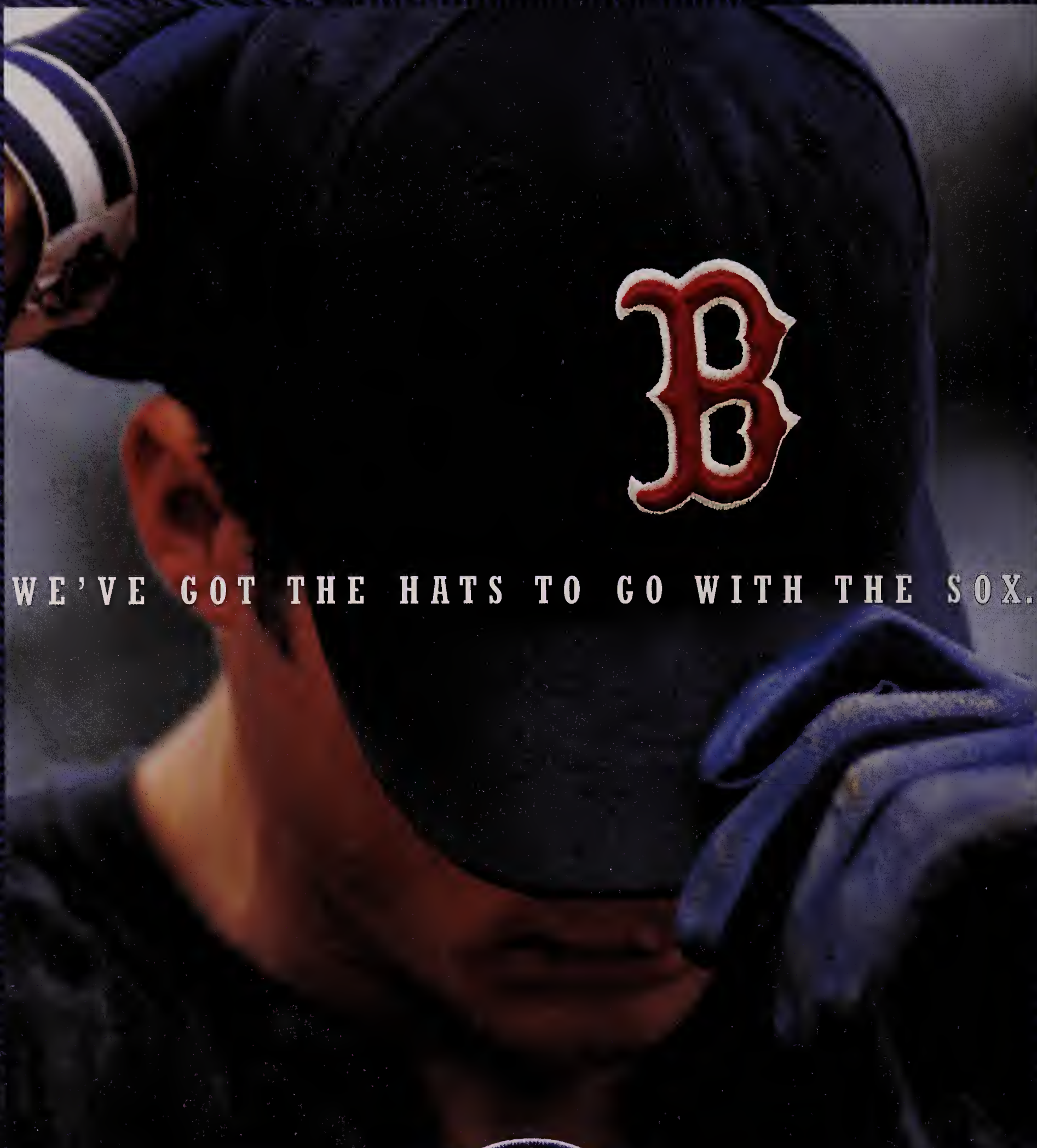
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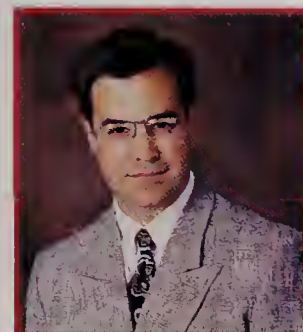
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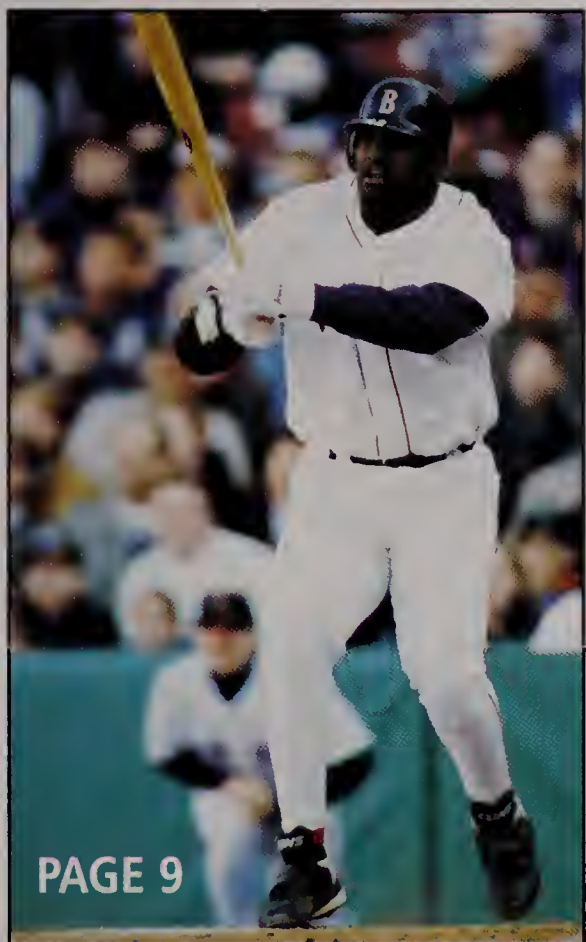
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While it is little consolation to most opposing hitters around the majors, there have been times when it's been almost as frustrating to be Tim Wakefield as it is to be facing him.

That's saying something, considering that it may be easier to swat a fly with a toothpick than it is to get a bat on one of Wakefield's darting knuckleballs. About the only thing more elusive for the 31-year-old Red Sox righthander, up until this year, had been his own peace of mind.

Now in his fourth season on the Boston mound, giving him more tenure at Fenway Park than any other pitcher on the Red Sox starting staff, Wakefield no longer feels the need to treat his trademark winning streaks and losing skids like a white-knuckle ride on the Jamaica Way at rush hour.

Part of Wakefield's new perspective comes from the security of having signed a three-year contract extension back in November. Part of it still hearkens back to his brush with mortality two winters ago when he was struck by a car while jogging near his home in Melbourne, FL, but fortunately managed to escape with only minor injuries.

"I was so close to death at that point, I decided not to take things for granted," Wakefield recalled this season. "Live life day by day, and enjoy yourself a little more. It makes you step back and realize that life is short. I don't know how long I'll play this game, so go out and give it your best and have fun while you're here."

As recently as three years ago, that would have been easier said than done for Wakefield, who broke into the majors as the

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National League Rookie Pitcher of the Year in 1992 when he went 8-1 with a 2.15 ERA in 13 starts for the Pittsburgh Pirates. After being brought up from Triple-A that July, he became the toast of the Steel City and capped his first big league campaign by tossing a pair of complete-game wins in two post-season starts against the Atlanta Braves.

The following season, Wakefield was the Pirates' Opening Day pitcher, but found himself back in the minors by the middle of July after he lost five straight at one point. Tim was called back up to finish 6-11 with a 5.61 ERA in 20 starts, marking his last appearance on the Pirates' mound.

Looking back, Wakefield admits now that it may have been too much, too soon for him and actually ended up impeding his learning process as a major league pitcher.

"I think so," Wakefield said. "I think a lot of it had to do with being rookie pitcher of the year. I hadn't had too much experience. It wasn't like I was there all year. I had less experience and I hadn't failed at that level yet.

"The following year," he explained, "we didn't have the same team that we had before, and I had a really hard time grasping onto what it was like learning to deal with the barrier at the big league level. It's totally different than at the minor league level, just the pressure.

"Now, if I get in trouble on the field, I've been in those situations before so I know how to handle them. At that point in my career, I didn't know how to handle certain situations."

Wakefield's free-fall continued in 1994 where he spent the entire season at Triple-A Buffalo and went 5-15, the most losses in the American Association that year, before being released by Pittsburgh in spring training of 1995 and signing a minor league contract with the Red Sox.

The move wound up being a coup for Executive Vice President and General Manager Dan Duquette as veteran knuckleballers Phil and Joe Niekro were brought in to counsel Wakefield. Tim responded by exploding onto the Boston scene with a 14-1 start that regained his confidence that he could still throw his knuckler for outs in the big leagues.

"I felt like I really do belong here (in the majors) because I had a hard time dealing with that in Pittsburgh," Wakefield said. "You go up there and do so well and then you get your brains beat in for so long, it starts to wear on your psyche a little bit.

"You can't replace experience with anything. That's why a lot of managers and organizations like to go with experienced players and veterans because they know what it's like to handle pressure and failure. They know what it takes to go and win."

So did Wakefield, who became the first Red Sox pitcher to win 10 straight starts since Ellis Kinder won 13 in a row in 1949, finishing with a staff-high 16-8 and a 2.95 ERA to lead Boston to its first post-season appearance in five years.

Since then, Wakefield has had his ups and downs, leading Boston again in wins in 1996 at 14-13 and going 12-15 last year, one win behind Aaron Sele's team-best of 13. Although he had a slow start this season, Wakefield's track record shows that he doesn't really get going until after the All-Star break where he has a 37-21 record, compared to 19-27 over the first half entering this year.

Wins and losses alone, however, weren't the only reasons Wakefield netted his off-season contract extension. His willingness, along with his ability as a knuckleballer, to pitch on short days' rest, and out of the bullpen when needed, has provided manager Jimmy Williams with a luxury that few other managers around the majors have available to them.

Wakefield has a big league arm, but he isn't strapped by a big league ego.

"I'm a big believer in giving the club innings," he explained. "I could be a No. 1 starter, but my whole goal, as far as the organization is concerned, is to go out and give them innings, or pitch on two days rest or help the bullpen.

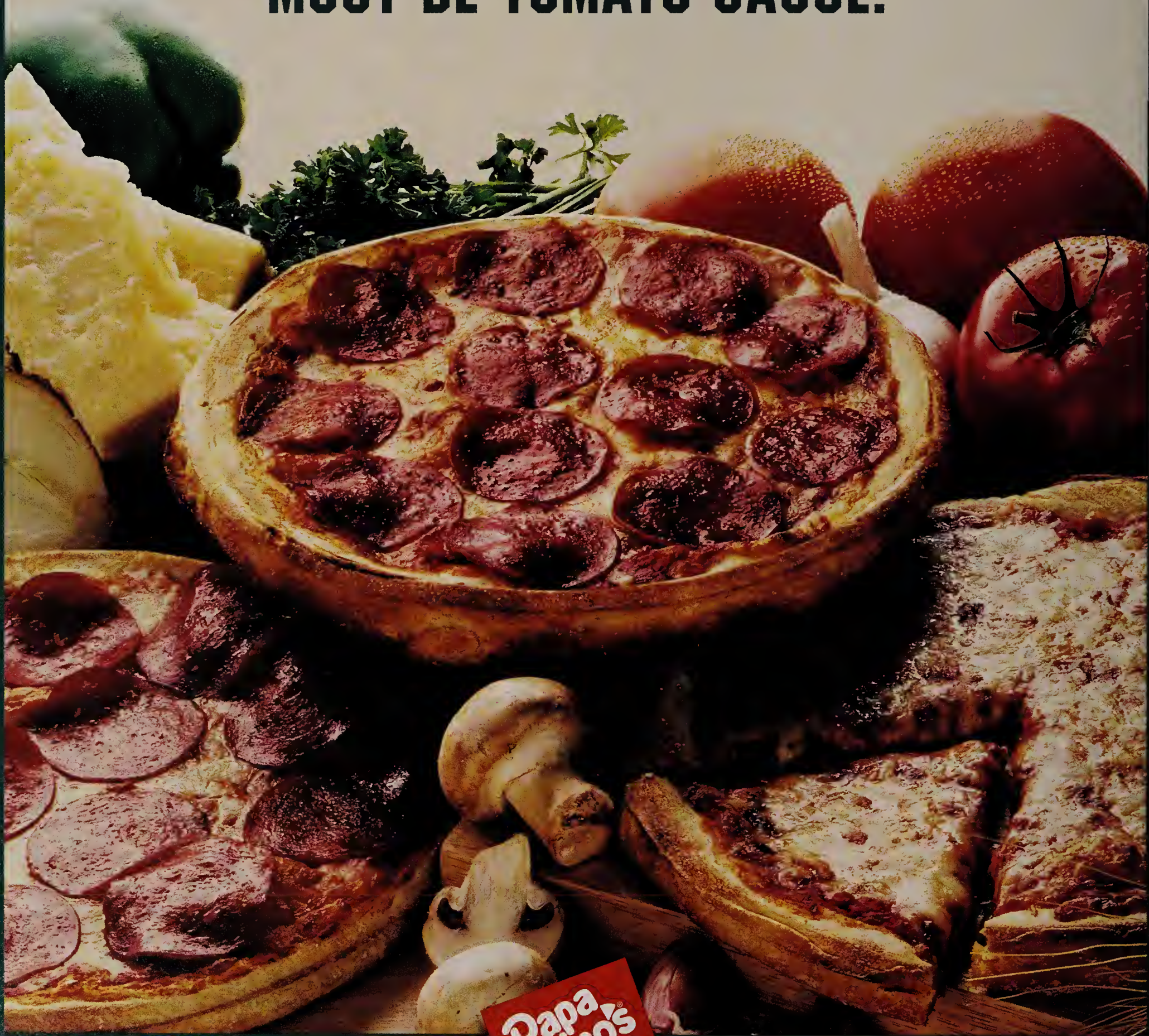
"I actually enjoy doing that," he added. "I'm not selfish when it comes to that. Whatever I can do to help the ballclub win is what I want to do. That's the reason why I'm here, and the reason why I signed a three-year contract, is to help the club to win — whatever capacity that is.

"I want to start and relieve at the same time."

TIM WAKEFIELD

Knuckleballer "Pitches In" Wherever He's Needed

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Wakefield is also willing to pitch in off the mound. This is his second season as the Red Sox' player representative, assisted by teammate Tim Lincecum.

"I kind of enjoy the politics of it," Wakefield said. "I thought I had a pretty good relationship with the front office, and if there were ever any problems, I could go right to Dan (Duquette) or Mr. (John) Harrington and try to keep that line of communication between the players and the front office open."

Wakefield is quick to point out, however, that just because he succeeded Roger Clemens as a Red Sox team representative doesn't mean he feels obligated to cast himself as the clubhouse leader.

"You can't replace Roger's leadership on this club," he said. "With me, if I'm going to be a leader, it's going to be on the field. Sometimes, it's not the vocal part of it, it's going out and getting the job done on the field and gaining respect from your teammates that way."

Wakefield's willingness to "take one for the team" on short notice has endeared him to his teammates and manager alike. Wakefield pitched on three days rest or fewer six times last season, going 4-2, and made six appearances in relief. He didn't wait long to make his bullpen debut this season either, providing three innings of relief in Seattle the first week of the campaign.

If Wakefield seems more at ease these days, he admits that he is, but he doesn't want anyone to mistake his newfound contract security for complacency.

"I still want to go out there and win," he said. "The security is definitely there. It takes off a lot of the pressure of going out there, start by start, but the way I approach it is that I'm a competitor, and I want to win. I don't have the laid-back attitude of, 'whatever happens, happens.' That's definitely not my approach at all."

One benefit Wakefield points to this season is once again having another hard-throwing "set-up" man, Pedro Martinez, in front of him in the rotation. Before tailing off last season with Clemens in Toronto, Wakefield had gone 30-21 pitching behind Clemens' heat his first two seasons in Boston.

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On February 25, 1998, Wakefield was inducted into the Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame for his three years of baseball excellence at Florida Tech. He was a first baseman in college and set a Florida Tech career record with 40 home runs. He also set two single season records for homers (22) and RBI (71) in 1987.

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THE JUNE DRAFT:

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When Carlton Fisk turned the chilly autumn night of October 21, 1975 into a date that will live in Red Sox history, the backyard fantasies of every little boy who ever dreamed about playing major league baseball came true.

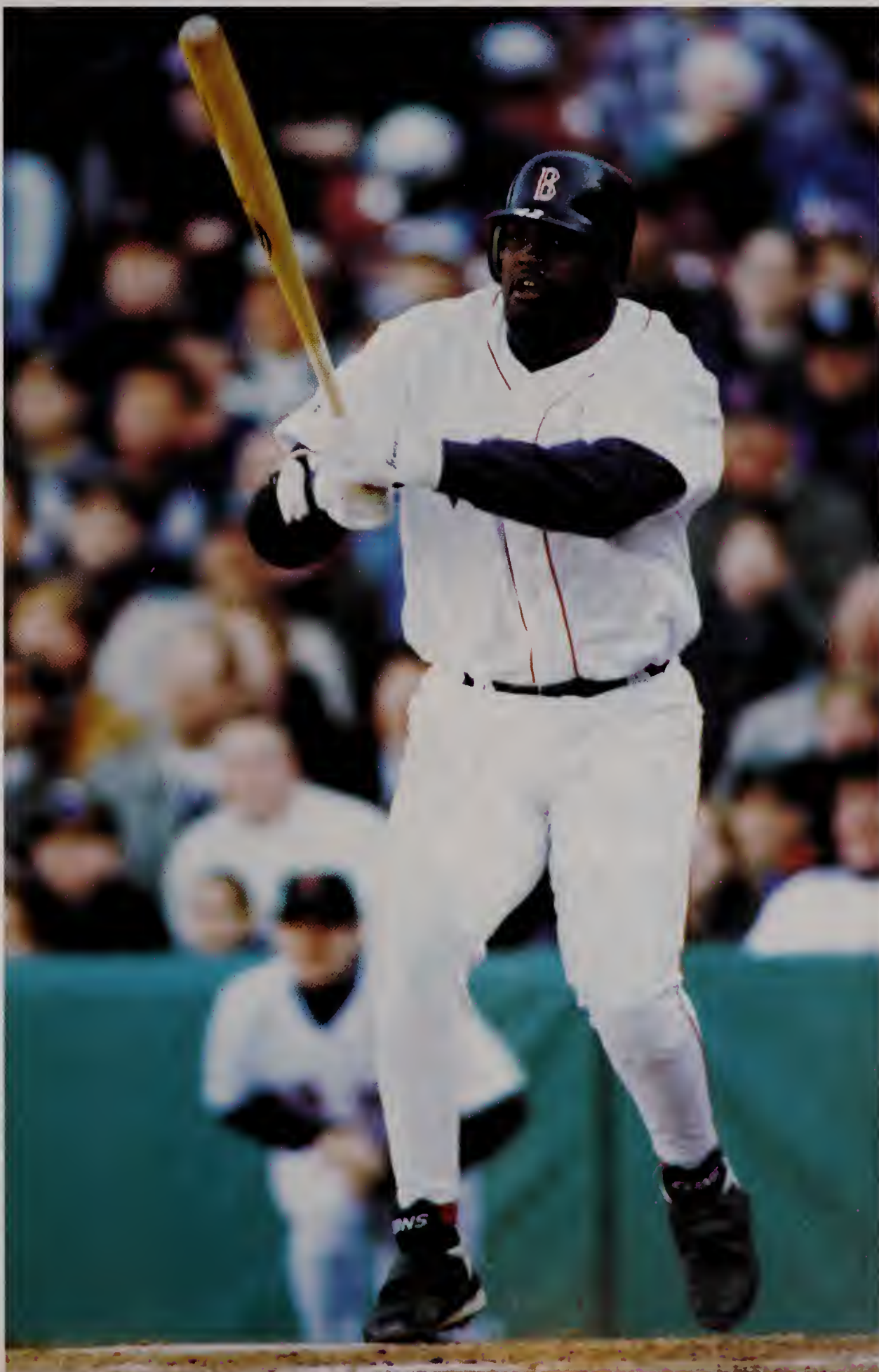
In most backyard fantasies, the moment of truth is in Game 7 of the World Series, bottom of the ninth, tie score, two outs, 3-2 count with a chance to win it all. Every New England kid who ever dreamed that dream hit the ball over the Green Monster to win the World Series for the Red Sox.

So while the details of Fisk's homer: Game 6 of the World Series, bottom of the 12th inning, score tied 6-6, one ball, no strikes and no outs wasn't exactly the fantasy, the dream breathed life on that October night and became reality.

For most kids, that dream stays in the backyard. For others, that dream thrives every day of the year during every waking hour. The dream of playing in the big leagues is a force that drives a player through Little League and Pony League, to Legion and high school, and is what ultimately may get them a chance to become drafted by a major league ball club.

The 1998 Major League Baseball amateur draft will take place June 2-4. The Red Sox, led by Executive Vice President and General Manager Dan Duquette and the club's Vice President of Scouting Wayne Britton, along with three or four other Red Sox executives, assemble to choose amateur players whom they think will someday have a chance to wear a Red Sox uniform.

Draft Day is the end of a long process that involves many facets and long, hard hours of work for Duquette, Britton and the 17 national scouts that canvass the United States, five international scouts and nine Latin American scouts. "Putting a draft together starts one or two years ahead of time," said Britton. "We put players in our



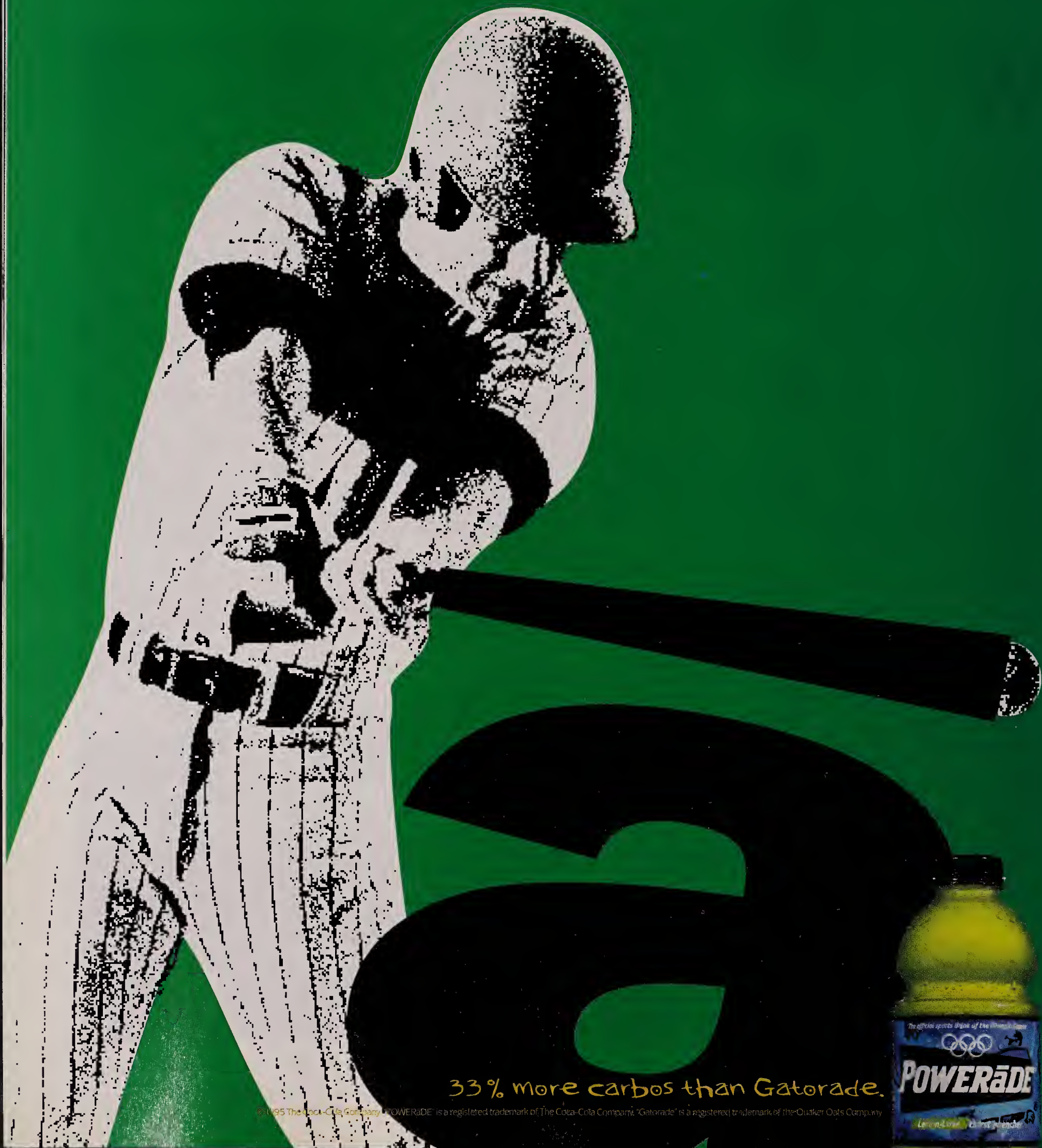
The 1989 2nd-round draft pick, Mo Vaughn

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computers and follow them. It's an on-going and long process that takes a lot of hard work."

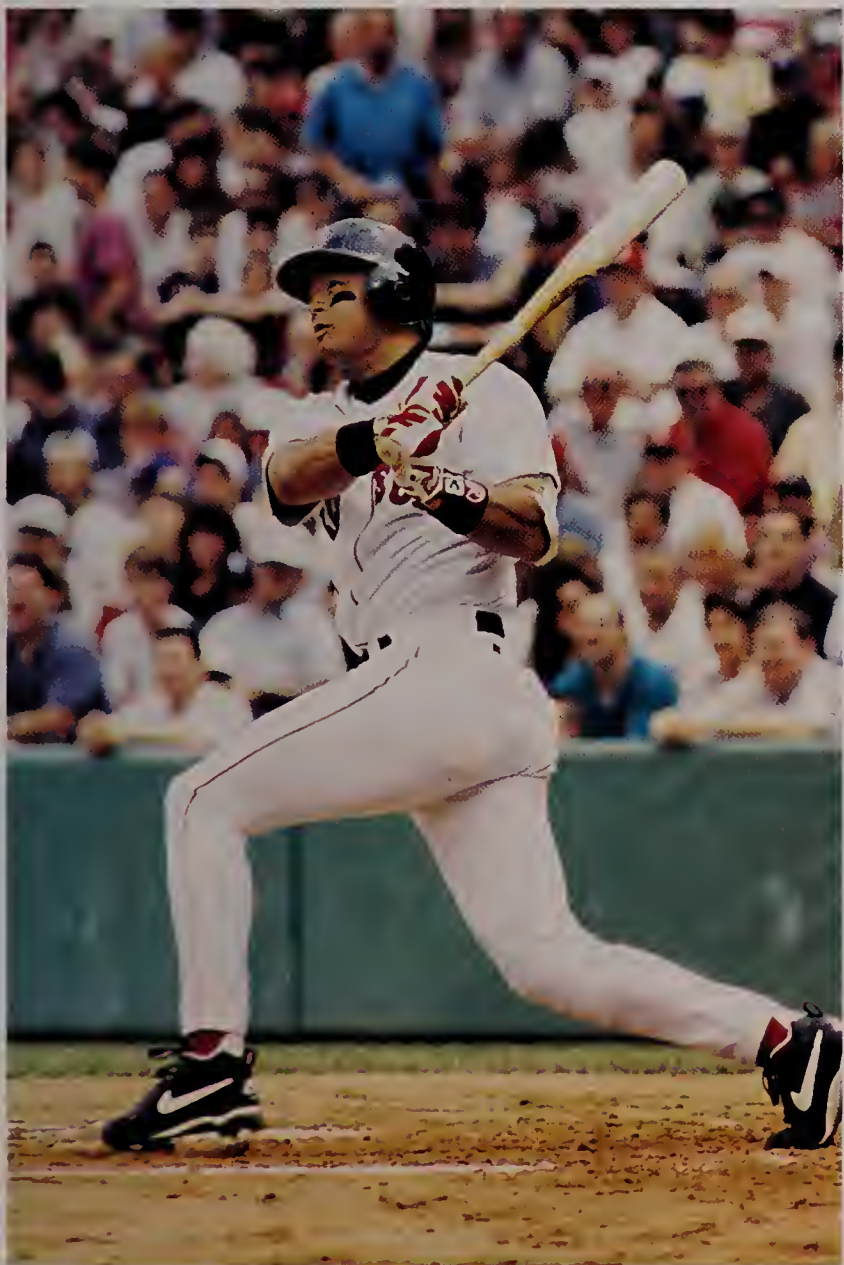
The five fundamental elements involved in scouting a player involve: arm, run, hit, power and field. "Legs are very important," admitted Duquette. "The legs, running, is what we use as a focal point because speed helps you win both offensively and defensively." Speed is also a key in Duquette's blueprint because of the nature of the game.

"Baseball is a territorial game, and so we want to make an impact territorially by being strong up the middle: catcher, pitcher, short-stop, second base and center field," Duquette continued. "But a primary screening tool that will determine advancement is if a player can hit." And the old adage still applies: If a player can hit, especially in the American League, teams will usually find a spot for him in the lineup.



Red Sox Hall of Famer and current hitting coach Jim Rice was a 1st-round draft pick in 1971.

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John Valentin (above) and Tim Lincecum were 5th and 8th respectively in 1988.

Those five elements are where scouts begin the process. But scouting a player is more than whether a boy can hit, run, catch and throw. "Scouting a player involves watching a player develop physically as well as mentally," said Britton. "It's a process that begins in a boy's sophomore or junior year of high school and continues for two or three years."

If a territorial scout identifies a potential prospect he will follow the boy's progress in high school ball, American Legion summer ball and often through college. Judging a prospect's potential while still in high school is an intuitive skill that all successful scouts possess. After watching a prospect, and depending on the level of interest by the parent club, the territorial scout will develop a relationship with the player.

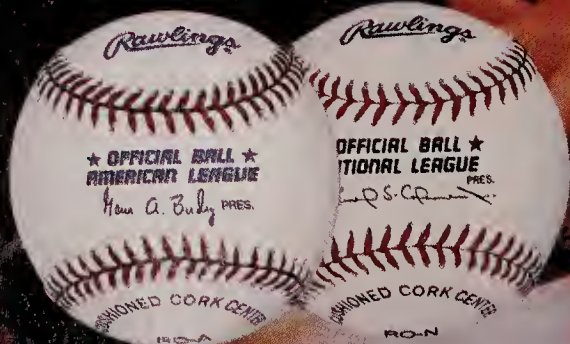
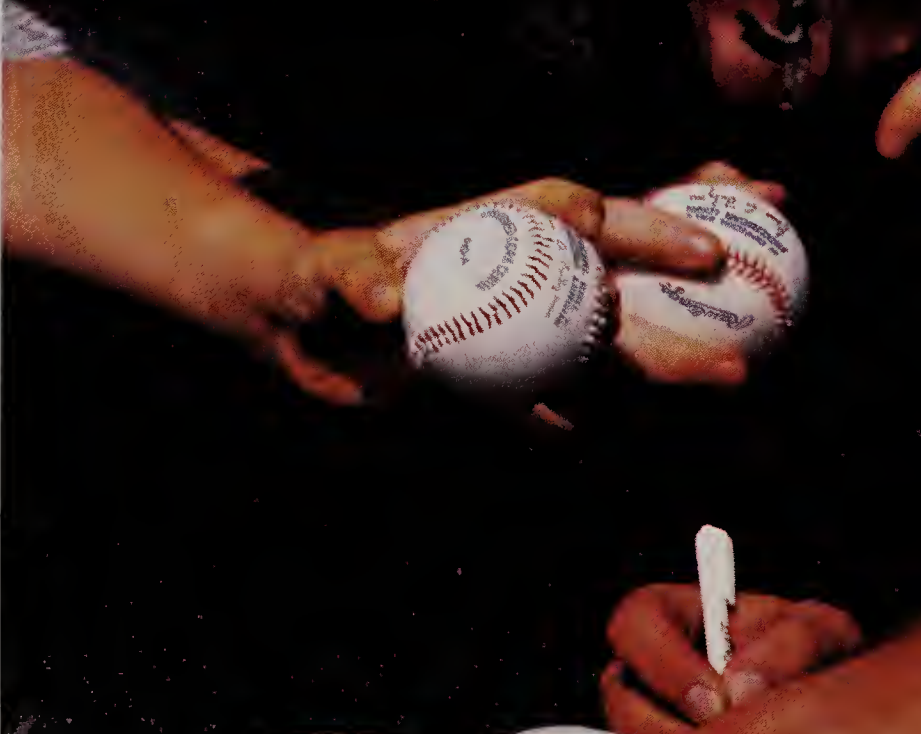
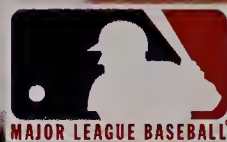
Scouts establish contact to further help understand a player's potential through meeting his family, friends, teachers, counselors, coaches and relatives. Most big league clubs also administer a 16 PF test which is a psychological profile exam. "We not only want to scout a player's physical development, we want to know what makes him tick as well," continued Britton.

When it is established that the player is a legitimate prospect, the big league club will send a cross-checker to scout the prospect. The cross-checker will team with the territorial scout and they will rate the prospect. If the scouts are in agreement about the player's potential, the big league club is informed. With that information the rated player may then be reviewed by the Vice President of Scouting and General Manager in person.

On Draft Day, Duquette and Britton team with other Red Sox executives on a conference call. The room is full of activity with prospects' names listed on giant boards, people using computers to track who's been drafted where and what the club's move will be when it's their turn to pick. "We try and be calm and outline everyone's function," said Britton. "It's important to stay organized. The more settled you are in the draft room, the better you are."

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And when a player is drafted, what happens, and what exactly does it mean?

When a player is drafted, the parent club will call the scout who made the initial contact with the player. The scout in return calls the player and informs him of his good fortune. Within 15 days of the draft, the parent club sends a contract to its draftee with a legitimate offer. Negotiations take place between the players and the scouts representing the club until the player is signed.

If a drafted high school player elects to sign a professional contract instead of going to college full-time, Major League Baseball has set up a scholarship program in which players can receive their educa-



Another find from the 1994 draft was Brian Rose (5th) who is getting his big league career off the ground.

tion in the off-season. "Major League Baseball has a scholarship plan that a club can offer to a player to sign and then make it easier for a player to get his education," Duquette explained. "Major League Baseball has been very aggressive in the promotion of sending kids to school."

If the drafted player decides to go to a four-year college, the club loses the rights to that player. If the drafted player decides to go to a junior college or is a college senior, the club will retain the player's rights until the next draft. If the player signs, he is usually sent to Fort Myers where he will begin his life as a professional baseball player.

The Red Sox draft room must have been especially settled in 1994. It was during that draft that Duquette and Co. came away with the 1997 American League Rookie of the Year, Nomar Garciaparra. "That was the best year," admitted

Nice Buns!

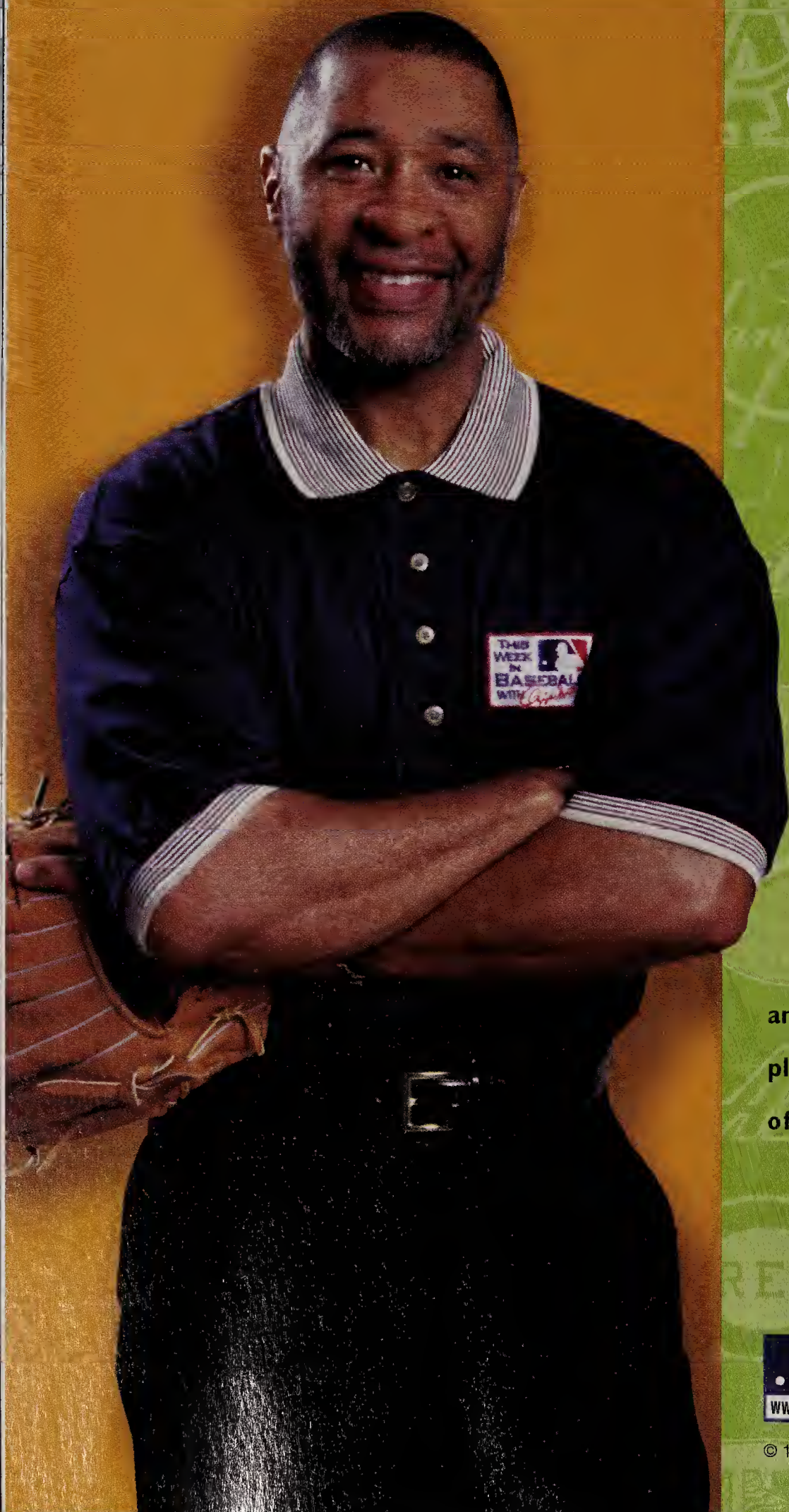
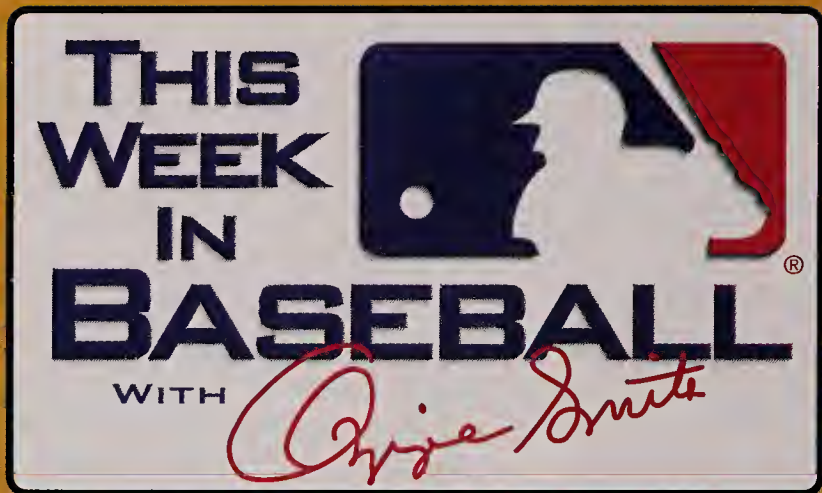


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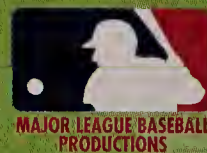
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Duquette. "Nomar is just phenomenal, but he's not the only one we got that year." The Sox also drafted fellow New Englanders Brian Rose and Carl Pavano (who was traded to the Montreal Expos in exchange for Pedro Martinez), Donnie Sadler, Michael Coleman and Brian Barkley. The Red Sox are building their nucleus through the draft.

Building a championship team from the draft is what former Red Sox Executive Vice President and General Manager Lou Gorman did throughout his tenure. Gorman built the 1986 American League Championship team and the 1988 and 1990 A.L. East Championship teams through the amateur draft.

Players such as Roger Clemens, Wade Boggs, Rich Gedman, Mike Greenwell, Ellis Burks, Marty Barrett, Bruce Hurst, Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd, Todd Benzinger and Jody

Reed were all homegrown players drafted and developed into championship teams. Those players, along with other homegrown veterans like Jim Rice, Bob Stanley and Dwight Evans, made the post-seasons especially gratifying for

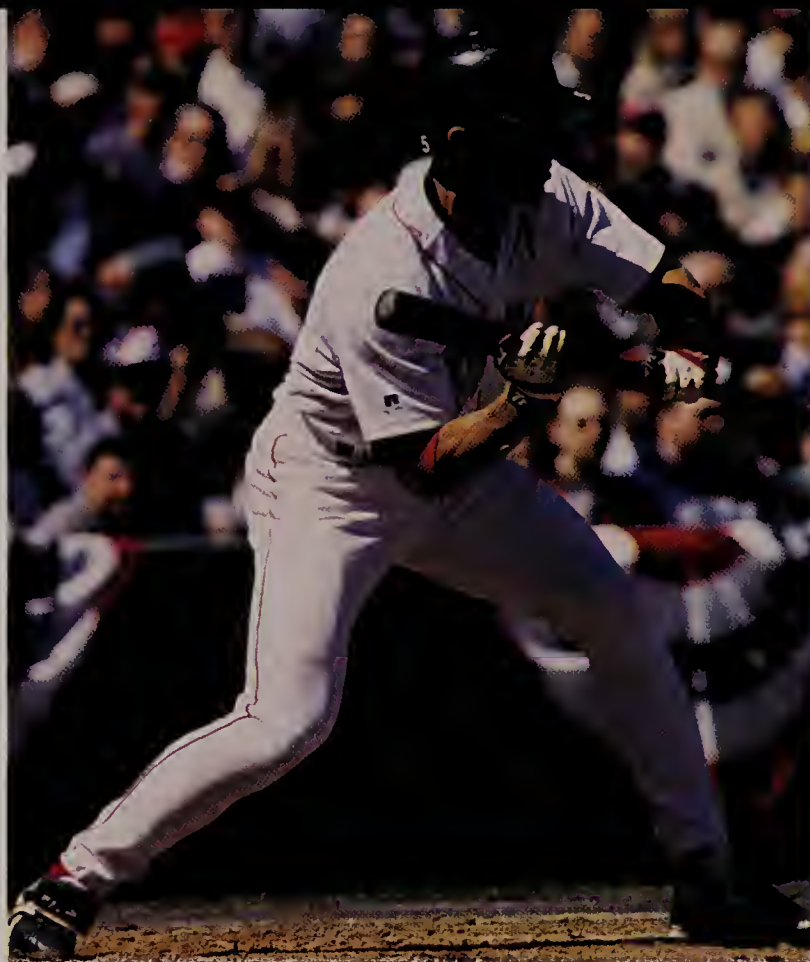
the executives who helped bring those players to Boston.

"No question you get more satisfaction when you build a club to championship caliber," said Gorman. "Ideally, you love to build within your system if you can do it. But it's tough these days."

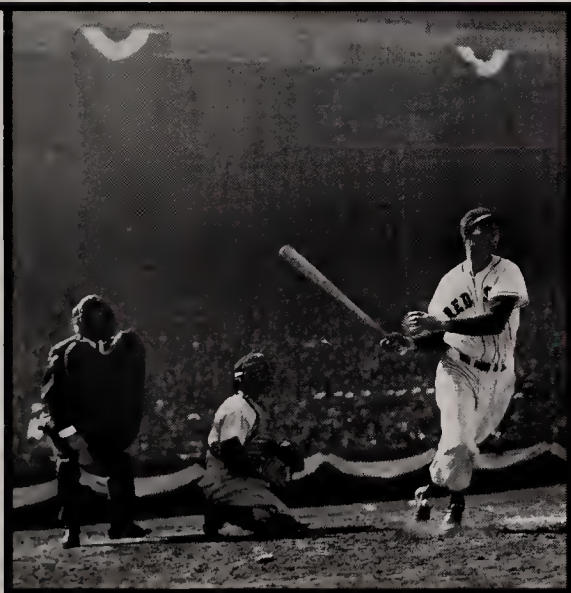
That is exactly what the Red Sox are doing. Duquette, Britton and the rest of the organization are committed to that end. "We'd love to have our core players come through the draft," exclaimed Duquette.

And if that core group of players happened to be from New England, no doubt they would have an idea of how to hit the ball over the Green Monster. Afterall, they have been doing that in their backyard fantasies well before they made it to Fenway.

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No. 1 in 1994 was Nomar Garciaparra who garnered A.L. Rookie of the Year honors in '97.



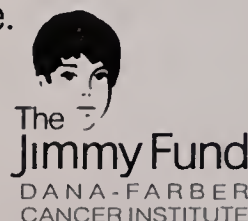
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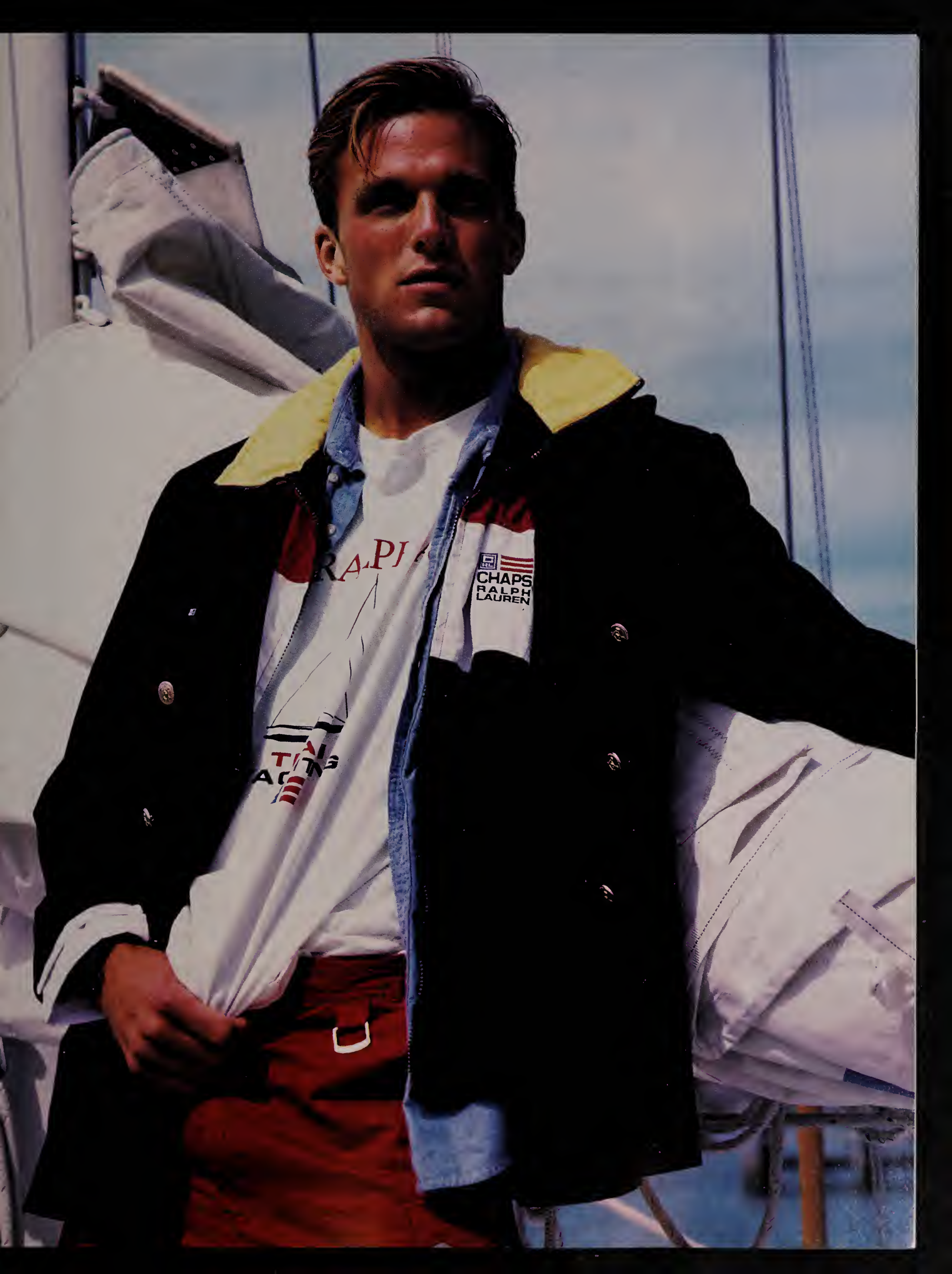
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TROY O'LEARY

Making Himself At Home

When he first arrived, Troy O'Leary knew little about Boston baseball.

A California kid, he'd heard about Ted Williams. He knew about Jim Rice. That was about it.

Now, there's no place Troy O'Leary would rather be than Fenway Park.

"When I came here in '95, my Mom got a book on Boston and Fenway, and I read up on it," O'Leary said. "Now I know what a great place this is to play. Hopefully, we can win and this town can go a little crazy."

With O'Leary's assistance, the city might just get that chance. He's in the first season of a lucrative, four-year contract, something which seemed but a pipe dream when Executive Vice President and General Manager Dan Duquette plucked him from the waiver wire in April, 1995.

"I never thought it would happen for me," O'Leary said. "I used to see big-name guys sign those big contracts. I've always been the kind of player who just tried to keep his foot in the door."

At 28, that door has swung wide open for O'Leary. He's taken over as Boston's everyday leftfielder by keeping two hands on his bat and his mind on the wall.

"I love hitting here," he said. "Fenway gives me a little bit of an advantage because I like to hit the ball the other way. Plus, if I'm able to get out front and pull the ball, there's a



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lot of room in right field. It helps me out. I'd say it puts 10-15 points on my average."

Maybe more. O'Leary took a .290 career average into this season but was a .320 hitter at Fenway. Now, his focus is on production as he takes aim at the Green Monster and other American League fences with increasing regularity.

Although he's yet to hit more than 15 home runs in a season, O'Leary could be on the verge of unleashing a power stroke reminiscent of some former Red Sox leftfielders. In addition to batting .309 last season, he began driving the ball for distance. He hit some memorable home runs, including two bombs to the upper deck in a game at Texas.

"They were shots," manager Jimmy Williams recalled. "He just put a good swing on the ball. It wasn't like he was trying to hit a home run — just hit it hard."

"When the ball comes off his bat, you say 'Wow.'"

You see him hit them this far, and you know that even if he misses (hitting a ball perfectly), in some parks they still should go out."

"I've got to get him out of being a contact person," said Red Sox hitting coach Jim Rice, looking to take advantage of O'Leary's power potential. "You've got to make contact, but you still have to hit the ball hard. He's the type of guy who doesn't want to strike out. He wants to make contact, but I've got to get him

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to concentrate on driving the ball."

"He certainly has the capability (to homer more often) with the type of swing he has," Williams said. "Maybe he'll only hit 15. Maybe he'll hit 20. Whatever he hits, he's going to use the whole field. That's the big thing about Troy O'Leary. He's a good hitter, and he understands that there's two sides to that white line — one goes down the left-field line, the other down to right."

O'Leary has a pretty fair mentor in Rice and he knows it.

"I'd be happy if I could have half the numbers Jim Rice had," O'Leary said. "Cut it in half, literally. I mean he had 46 homers (in 1978). I'd take half of that."

Rice thinks O'Leary might be selling himself short.

He believes corner outfielders should hit 25 or more homers and drive in 90 runs or more per season. O'Leary isn't there yet, but he's coming close. He drove in 80 runs last season, 81 the year before — both seasons in which he had fewer than 500 at-bats.

Now O'Leary's playing every day, adjusting from platoon player to a hitter who can handle left-handed pitching as well as right.

In his first series of the season at Fenway, O'Leary had two hits against Seattle southpaw Jamie Moyer. The next day he produced hits against three different lefthanders, including a tie-breaking home run.

It comes down to confidence and experience.

"It's just a matter of seeing them more often," O'Leary said. "You have to have a game plan when you go to the plate, and Jim Rice has given me that."

Williams says it was O'Leary who expressed his confidence about hitting lefties last season.

"He mentioned to Jimmy Rice that he really felt good hit-

ting against lefthanders," Williams said. "So, we gave him a few whacks at it — let him hit a few times against lefthanders." O'Leary responded with a .277 average and his first two major league homers against lefties.

"I think just the mental confidence of him saying he could hit lefties enabled him to do it," Williams said. "It doesn't bother me at all to put him in there. He hangs in there good. He's just a professional hitter who's made himself a nice major league player."

"I saw a big jump from him in spring

training this year," Rice said. "If a pitcher throws his pitch, I don't care who you are — Mo Vaughn, Tony Gwynn, (Don) Mattingly, (Wade) Boggs — you're not usually going to hit that pitch on the corner. But when the pitcher makes a mistake, that's when you've got to capitalize on it. That's what Troy started doing this spring when it came to left-handed pitching. He knows you've got to hit those mistakes."

Rice has become more than a hitting instructor to O'Leary. Having shifted from right field to left this season, O'Leary is all ears when Rice explains the nuances of playing the Green Monster at Fenway.

"I've shown him the angles," Rice said. "Anything to the right of the scoreboard is going to kick toward center field. Anything to the left of the scoreboard is going to kick directly back. You've got to go out there and try to play the wall and the (left-field) corner. That's really something you can't teach. You've got to go out there to learn how to play it."

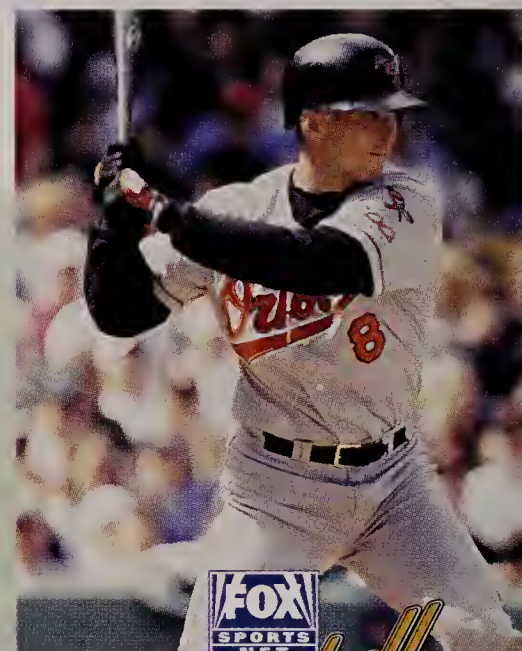
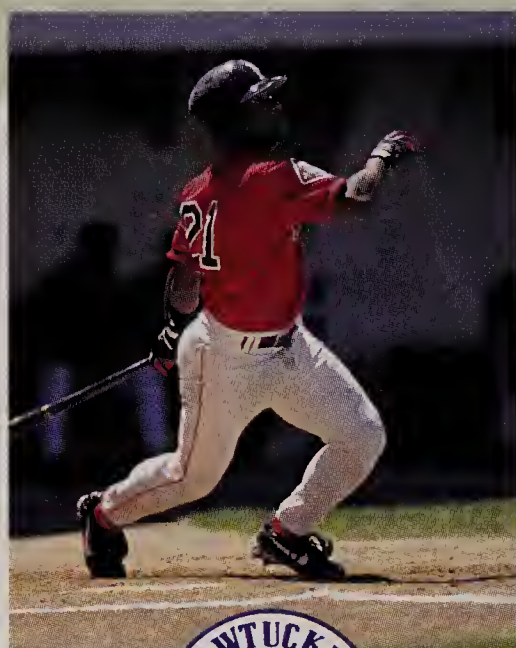
Williams wasn't worried about moving O'Leary from right to left.

"He's played out there before. He understands the wall. His arm strength, to me, is good enough where he's going to throw people out at the plate, and they can't necessarily take the freedom of an extra base on him. He understands the necessity of keeping the ball down on his throws."

O'Leary is certainly a good enough athlete. He had football scholarship offers to attend several colleges, including an enticing bid from Oregon State, before the Brewers drafted him on the 13th round in 1987.

At first, the minor league experience of long bus rides, bad hotels and worse food had him thinking he'd made a mistake. Soon the numbers began





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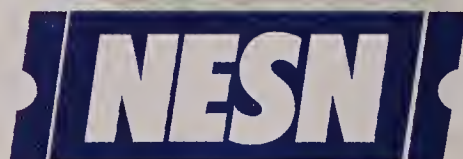
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to say otherwise. He led the Texas League with a .334 average in 1992, then batted .329 at AAA New Orleans in 1994, earning a promotion to the big leagues. He hit .273 in 27 games for Milwaukee, but the Brewers had roster problems at the end of spring training in '95 and put him on waivers.

Duquette, familiar with O'Leary from his work in the Milwaukee scouting department in the mid '80s, snapped him up. It turned out to be a good match.

O'Leary batted .308 his first year in Boston and demonstrated a flair for the dramatic with a two-run, 10th-inning homer to beat the Mariners, 2-1. The next season, his ninth-inning homer off the right-field foul pole won another 2-1 game for Roger Clemens. Last season he hit his first grand slam against his old team, the Brewers.

"I told Troy, when a team gets rid of you, it looks like they don't want you," Rice said. "But when a team gets you, they're telling you they do want you. I told him the first priority was not just to be in the big leagues, but to be in the big leagues to stay."

With Rice's help, O'Leary looks like he'll be around for a long while.

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"Jim has helped me out a great deal," O'Leary said. "I think he knows my swing. He's worked with me to get the head of the bat out and to keep two hands on the bat. He's helped me in the outfield, too."

"I'm glad I'm staying here for a while so I can watch these guys I'm playing with. I enjoy watching Reggie Jefferson and Mo hit from the left side and the way Val (John Valentin) hits from the right. Hopefully I can learn something from watching them. I know I've learned

a lot already."

O'Leary is paying close attention to someone else these days. He and his wife, Annette, celebrated the birth of their first son, Trey, in Arizona on April 8.

"The pressure's off once you have the baby," beamed O'Leary, who celebrated with a home run and six hits in his first series back at Fenway.

"I was way overdue. Now I'm making more contact, making things happen."

Just the way that Jim Rice and the Red Sox had it planned. ■

Seth Livingstone covers the Red Sox for The Patriot Ledger of Quincy, MA.)



Mo Vaughns' 1998 "Hit Dog Homers Program" to Benefit The Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston

For every home run he hits during the 1998 Red Sox season, Mo Vaughn will once again donate \$2,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston with his "Hit Dog Homers" program.

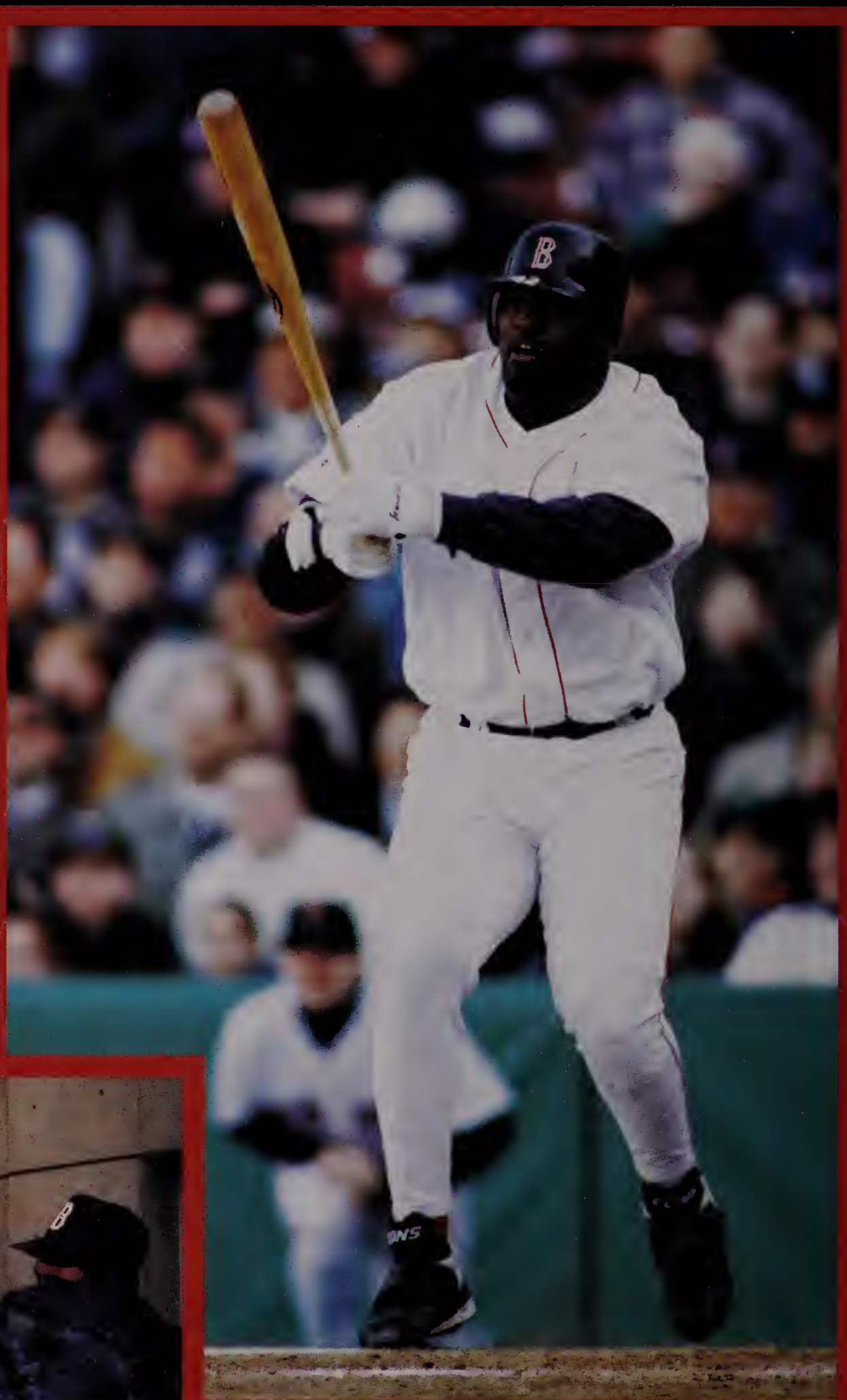
In any event, Mo will make a sizable donation, up to the \$100,000 plateau.

Each quarter a check will be issued to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston from Mo, based on his home run production during that time period. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston will utilize the funds generated to sponsor events and functions for youngsters in the Boston area.

"Last year the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston helped numerous children in the Greater Boston area. This year, with your support, they are hopeful to help even more. But they can't do it alone. I am asking you to help these youth by also participating in the "Hit Dog Homers" contest. For every home run that I hit this year, I am going to make a donation. I would like you to make that same commitment. Please consider donating \$1.00, \$5.00, or any other amount for every home run I hit."

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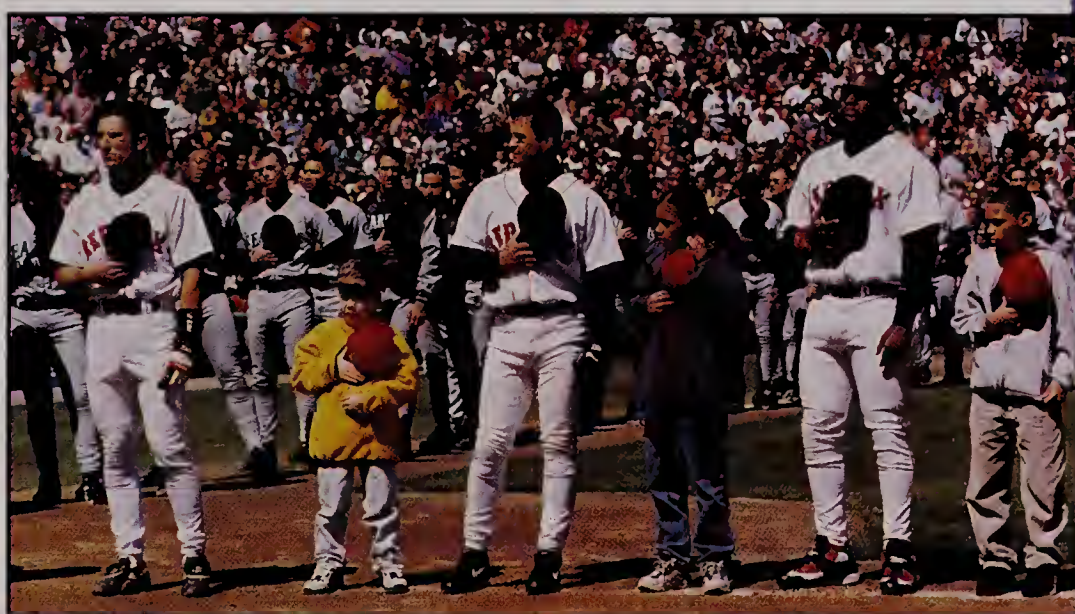
Quarterly checks to the Boys and Girls Clubs resulting from the "Hit Dog Homers" contest will be issued from Mark Gillam Enterprises of Fair Oaks, California on behalf of Mo Vaughn.

Kids' Opening Day

The Red Sox held their traditional Kids' Opening Day on Saturday, April 11. Pre-game entertainment of singers, dancers, gymnasts, cheerleaders and steel drummers was provided by youth groups from Boston and surrounding areas who performed at the gates and on the field. Joining in the fun were Sesame Street characters Ernie and Elmo and, of course, Wally the Green Monster.



The color guard was Cub Pack 274 from Waltham, MA.



Joining the Red Sox starters for the pre-game introductions were randomly selected "Buddies." Nomar Garciaparra, John Valentin and Mo Vaughn are seen lining up with their buddies for the singing of the national anthem sung by 2nd and 3rd grade students from the John P. Holland School in Dorchester, MA.



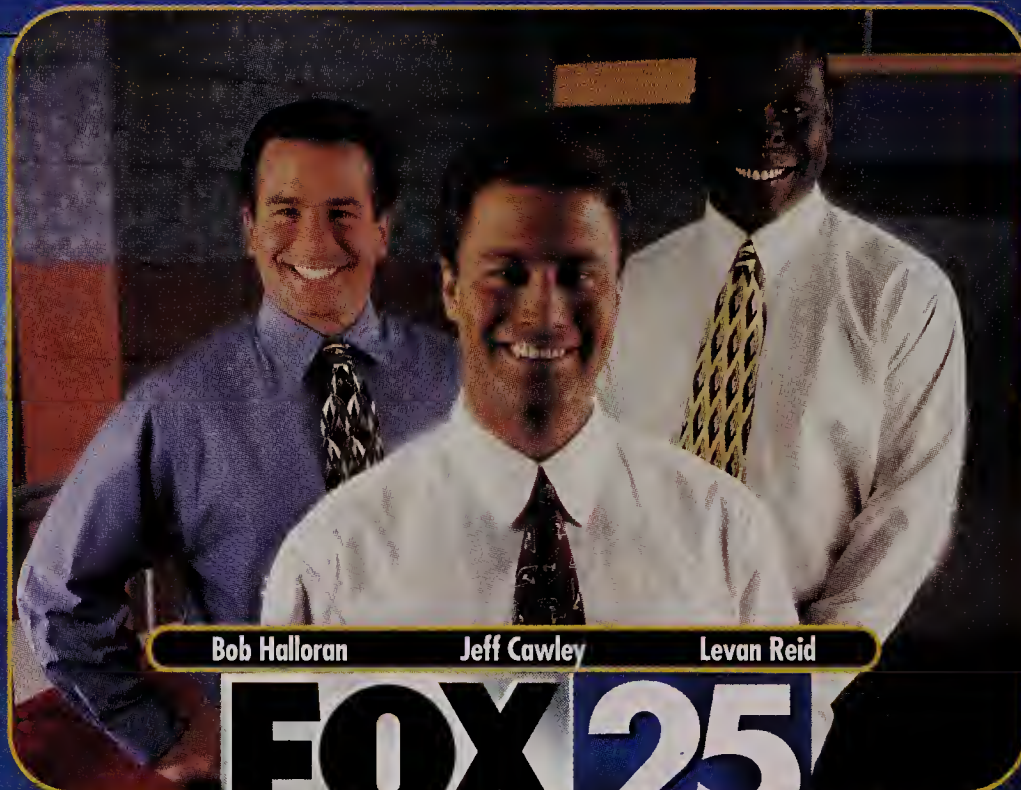
Joining in the first pitch ceremonies was 1998 U.S. Women's Olympic Gold Medal hockey Coach Ben Smith (right) and six members of that team. They were joined by Eric Flaim, 1998 U.S. Olympic Flag Bearer and speed skater. The group later caught up with Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra.



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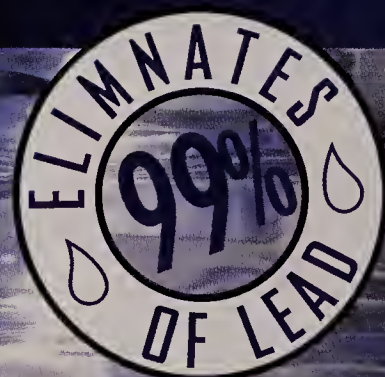


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Age: 34
 Born: December 27, 1963 in Lakewood, OH
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 Wt.: 195
 Bats and Throws: Right
 Home: Coopers City, FL

Originally signed by Yankees as a non-drafted free agent August 25, 1985.

Acquired by Red Sox with OF Damon Buford in exchange for RHP Aaron Sele, RHP Mark Brandenburg and C Bill Haselman, November 6, 1997.

Major League Experience: Yankees (1990-96); Anaheim-Texas (1997)

In 1997:

- Had 11 HR with 50 RBI in 84 G with Angels; hit .282 with 14 RBI in 37 G with Rangers.
- Had career highs in G (121), AB (379), R (58), H (105), RBI (64) and BB (60).
- Had .998 fielding pct. in 69 G at C, 2nd best of any A.L. C who appeared in at least 60 G.
- Threw out 30 of 78 base stealers (38.5%), 2nd best pct. among A.L. C with at least 70 atts.

Career Highlights:

- After 1996 All-Star break hit .305 (29-95).
- Had career-high 4-hit game June 11, 1995 vs. Seattle.
- Had career highs in HR (17) in 1994.
- Hit 2nd career grand slam April 27, 1994 vs. Bobby Thigpen at Seattle.
- In 1993 hit career-high .309 (80-259) with Yankees.
- Led club hitting .484 with 4 HR and 12 RBI in April, 1993.
- Hit 1st career grand slam April 9, 1993 also vs. Bobby Thigpen at Chicago.

Post-Season Highlights:

- Had 8th-inning, game-tying 3-R HR off Mark Wohlers in Game 4 of 1996 World Series vs. Atlanta. Yankees won game, 8-6, in 10 innings.
- Hit 2-R, game-winning HR off Tim Belcher in 15th inning of Game 2 of 1995 A.L. Division Series vs. Seattle.

Personal/Background:

- Married to Karri Cochran and they have two children: Austin (3) and Dakota (1 1/2).
- Attended Middle Georgia J.C. and the Univ. of Kentucky.
- Hit .327 with 11 HR and 39 RBI in one season at Kentucky; hit .387 with 17 HR and only 10 K in 231 career AB at Middle Georgia.



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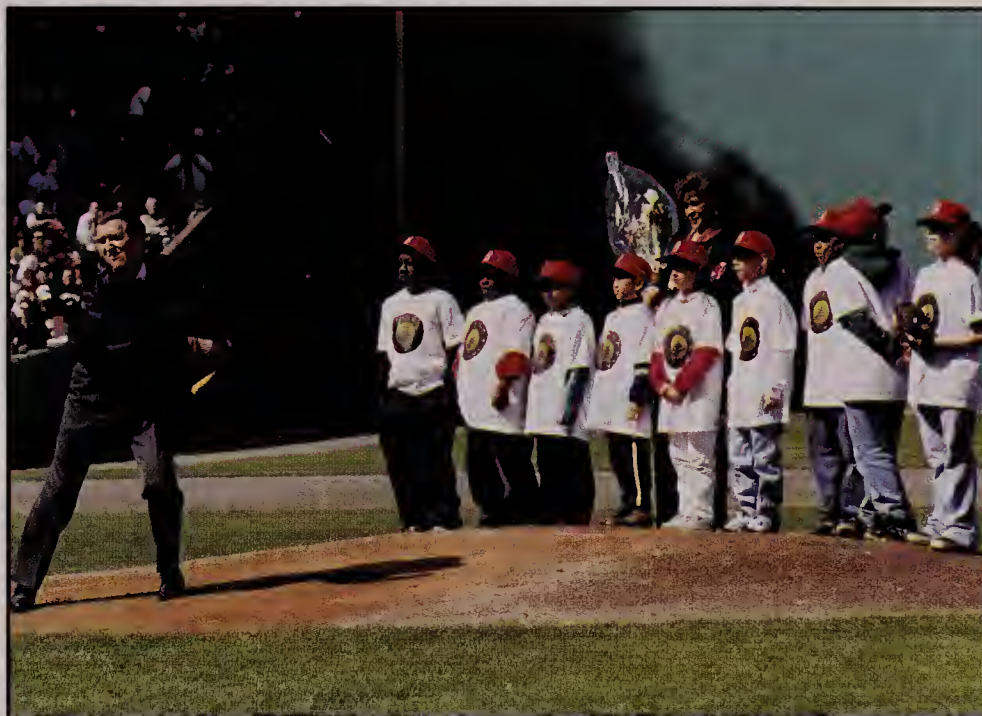
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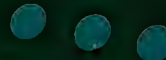
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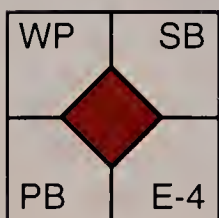
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Pitcher	1	Second Baseman	4	Left Fielder	7
Catcher	2	Third Baseman	5	Center Fielder	8
First Baseman	3	Shortstop	6	Right Fielder	9

SYMBOLS FOR PLAYS

Single	—	Fielder's Choice	FC	Passed Ball	PB
Double	=	Hit by Pitcher	HP	Balk	BK
Triple	≡	Wild Pitch	WP	Struck Out	K
Home Run	≡≡	Stolen Base	SB	Base on Balls	BB
Sacrifice	SAC	Force Out	FO		
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Foul poles, screen poles and screen on top of left-field fence are outside of playing field.

Ball going through scoreboard, either on the bound or fly: 2 Bases.

Fly ball striking left-center-field wall to right of line behind flagpole: Home Run.

Fly ball striking left-center-field wall to left of line behind flagpole and bounding into screen: 2 Bases.

Fly ball striking wall or flagpole and bounding into bleachers: Home Run.

Fly ball striking line or right of same on wall in right center: Home Run.

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APRIL 1998

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			T 1 A's 10:35	N 2 A's 3:15	T 3 Mariners 10:05	T 4 Mariners 9:05
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T 12 Mariners 1:05	N 13 A's 6:05	N 14 A's 6:05	N 15 A's 6:05	T 16 Indians 6:05	T 17 Indians 1:05	T 18 Indians 1:05
T 19 Indians 1:05	T 20 Indians 11:05	N 21 Tigers 7:05	N 22 Tigers 7:05	T 23 Indians 7:05	T 24 Indians 1:05	T 25 Indians 1:05
T 26 Indians 1:05	T 27 Tigers 6:05	T 28 Tigers 6:05	N 29 Angels 6:05	T 30 Angels 6:05		

MAY 1998

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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T 3 Rangers 1:05	N 4 Twins 7:05	N 5 Twins 7:05	T 6 Royals 8:05	T 7 Royals 8:05	T 8 Royals 8:05	T 9 Royals 8:05
T 10 Royals 2:05	N 11 Rangers 8:35	N 12 Rangers 2:35	N 13 Twins 8:05	N 14 Twins 1:15	T 15 Royals 7:05	N 16 Royals 1:05
T 17 Royals 1:05	N 18 White Sox 7:05	N 19 White Sox 7:05	T 20 White Sox 7:05	T 21 Yankees 7:05	T 22 Yankees 1:05	T 23 Yankees 1:05
T 24 Yankees 1:05	T 25 Blue Jays 1:05	N 26 Blue Jays 7:05	T 27 Yankees 7:35	T 28 Yankees 7:35	T 29 Yankees 7:35	T 30 Yankees 1:15

JUNE 1998

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AUGUST 1998

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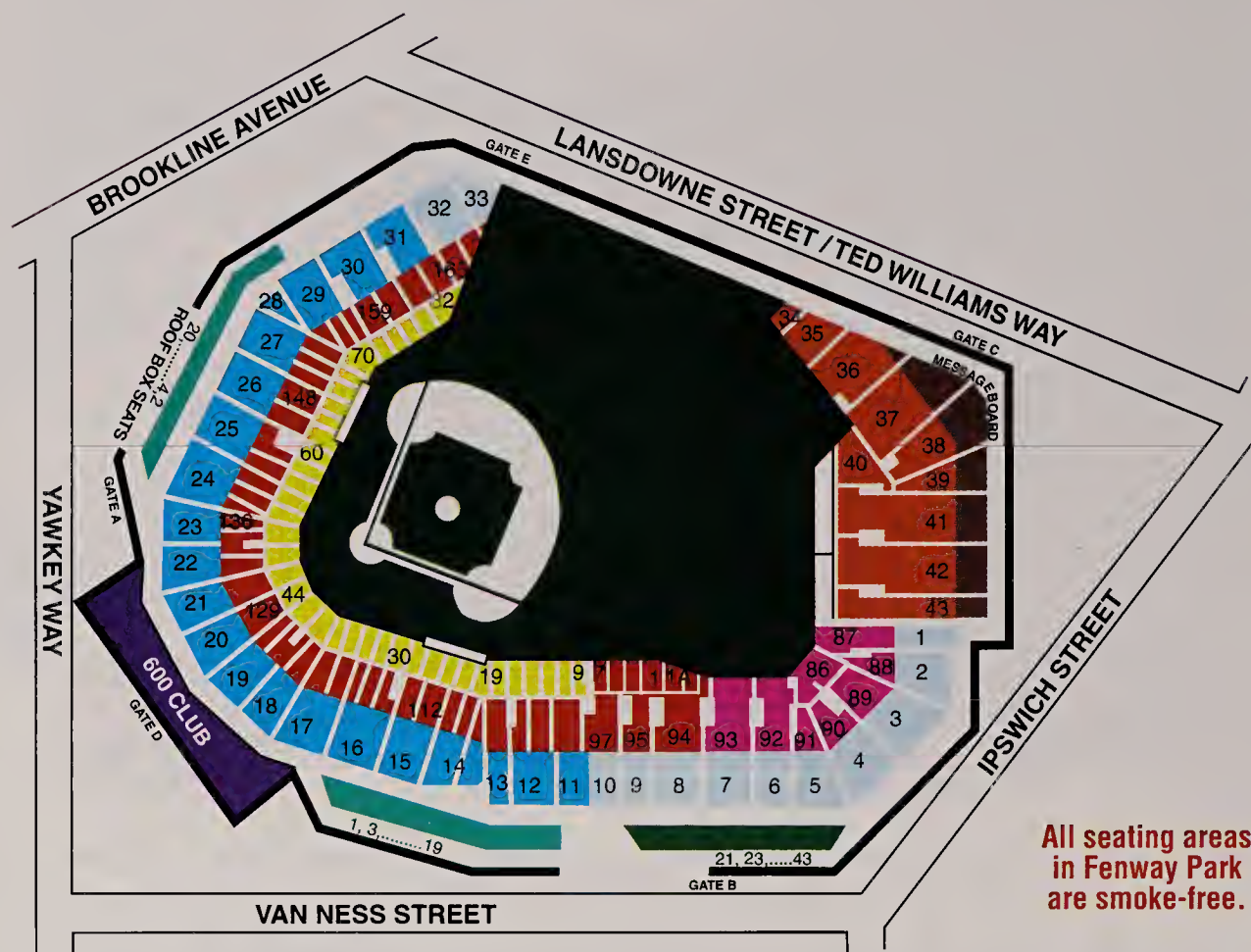
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NATIVE SONS OF NEW ENGLAND'S TEAM: ***RICH GEDMAN***

Over the years more than 1,300 ballplayers have worn the Red Sox uniform. Many of these former players have selected New England as their long-term home. This is the second in a continuing series of articles on "adopted and native sons."

Rich Gedman, a native of Worcester and a former Boston Red Sox All-Star catcher, loves baseball. "It's a great game. It enabled me to go places and to have experiences I never would have had. I think of my career as a dream come true."

LOCAL BOY

Gedman grew up in Worcester playing ball at Crompton Park and listening to the Red Sox games on his transistor radio. "I was 10 years

"Nothing could ever begin to compare with the thrill of growing up rooting for the home team, and then going on to play for that team. It's a unique experience that few enjoy.

I wouldn't change it at all."

old when I went to my first Red Sox game. My fifth grade teacher, Mr. Monfredo, took me, and we sat right in the middle of the bleachers. I couldn't take my eyes off the field."

Ten years later, Gedman found himself standing on that same field in a Red Sox uniform. "I had been called up from Pawtucket in September of 1980, and I couldn't wait to get out on the field. I was just standing there, looking all around, taking in the

sights. What an experience! Then some guy in the stands starts hollering, 'Hey, Dave. Hey, Dave Schmidt.'

"I was the only player on the field, so I was pretty confused. Then it dawned on me. I was wearing the uniform they had assigned to someone else in spring training. Nobody even knew who I was! Things like that seemed to happen to me all through my career. It was kind of hum-



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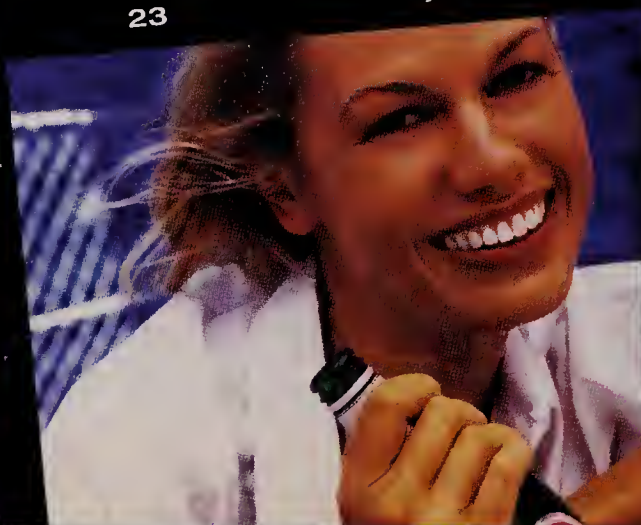
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bling, but it brought me back to reality."

Rich Gedman played baseball on the Worcester sandlots every chance he got. Like a couple of thousand other New England teenagers, he chased windblown popups, and he remembers the sting of the bat on a cold March day.

"I went to St. Peter's Marian High School in Worcester where they had a good baseball program. My older brother, George Coleman, was in the navy, and

he used to send money home for my tuition payments. I played quite a bit as an underclassman, but in my senior year we got a new coach, Bill Norkaitis, who challenged me to be a better player."

Gedman was a first baseman and a pitcher for the 1977 St. Peter's team, and played a key role in their drive to the state championship. But as a late-blooming New England kid, he went unclaimed in the June major league draft.

"I caught one game for our American Legion team that summer, and Bill Enos (longtime Red Sox New England scout) saw that I had some potential. When he signed me for the Red Sox he said, 'Rich, you'll never make it to the majors as a pitcher. You don't have enough power for the outfield or the corners, and you don't have the speed for the middle infield. What do you think that leaves?' I was happy to sign on as a catcher, and went down to Pawtucket to practice with their players."

DOWN ON THE FARM

After spending the fall in the Instructional League, Gedman reported to the Red Sox farm team in Winter Haven, FL. "We were bused all over the state for away games, and a lot of the guys moaned and groaned. It never bothered me because my parents didn't own a car. It was kind of an adventure for me. I got along great



Gedman participated in the Red Sox batting clinic held at Fenway Park in February offering hitting tips to many of the youngsters in attendance.

"We were bused all over the state for away games, and a lot of the guys moaned and groaned. It never bothered me because my parents didn't own a car. It was kind of an adventure for me. I got along great with the Hispanic players because we were all happy just to have wheels."

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Gedman hit well in the Florida State League, and his .300+ average earned him a promotion to Double A Bristol, CT for the 1979 season. "I was pretty raw behind the plate. You don't get the game experience growing up in New England, but I busted my tail to improve. Having a good left-handed bat is a big advantage for a young catcher."

He continued to develop at Bristol, improving his handling of pitchers and batting a solid .278. Bristol manager Tony Torchia also taught him to put his bad games behind him and focus on today's game. His progress earned him a promotion to Pawtucket of the Triple A International League in 1980. Gedman's performance under PawSox manager Joe Morgan and his visible work ethic earned him a September 1980 call-up.

For every young boy who sits in the bleachers in Fenway Park and dreams of a career in a Red Sox uniform, possibly one in 100,000 sees his dream come true. If that young boy later signs a professional baseball contract as a non-drafted player, the odds drop to perhaps 100-1.

Asked what it takes to overcome these odds, Gedman answers, "In my case I had parents who encouraged us to go as far as we possibly could. They never put any ceilings on our ambitions. And they impressed on us the importance of hard work. I had the added motivation that each step in my baseball journey brought me closer to home."

Gedman managed to get into nine games that September. The highlight? "On my 21st birthday (September 26, 1980), I caught a Dennis Eckersley one-hitter in Toronto. I just held my glove up, and he hit it every time. I'll never forget it."

When the 1981 season began, Gedman was back in Pawtucket as



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the PawSox starting catcher. He was promoted to the Red Sox in June of 1981.

BLEACHERS TO THE PLAYING FIELD

Gedman became the starting Red Sox catcher soon after he joined the team. He responded with a solid .288 batting average, and an eye-catching .434 slugging percentage. He appeared to be the Red Sox catcher of the future, but his average tailed off to .249 in 1982, and his playing time declined. His batting numbers improved in 1983, but he had lost his starting catcher's role to Gary Allenson. Clearly his career was at a crossroads.

"Walter Hriniak (former Red Sox hitting coach) really helped turn my career around. He told me that if I was willing to work, he would come out early every day and throw me batting practice. He went out of his way to help me, and I'll never forget it. He emphasized that I had to be ready when my chance came, and I started to make the most of my at-bats.

"Then Walter asked around, and I got a spot in the Winter League in Caracas, Venezuela. The American players were heading home in droves that winter, but I stuck it out, and caught about 60 games down there. When I reported to Winter Haven for spring training in 1984, I went to our manager Ralph Houk and told him I was ready to be his everyday catcher."

Houk took Gedman at his word and put him behind the plate for 133 games that year. Rich rewarded his manager with 24 home runs and an improved knack for handling pitchers.

In 1985, new manager John McNamara recognized what he had in Gedman, and he penciled him into the lineup 144 times. McNamara's vote of confidence helped spur Rich to a batting average of .295 with 80 RBI. His performance earned him a spot on the American League All-Star team in July.

"What a thrill that was. Here I am, just a guy from Worcester, and I walk into the locker room in Minneapolis and there's Cal Ripken, Carlton Fisk, Don Mattingly, George Brett, and guys like that. I'll never forget it."

1986 SEASON

When the 1986 season began, Gedman was 26 years old. He had spent at least a part of the previous six seasons in the major leagues,



In 1986 Gedman was named to his second All-Star team. His outstanding .357 ALCS batting average in '86 (10-28) was duplicated in '88 (5-14) when he led the Sox.

and he had achieved All-Star status. His baseball future appeared unlimited. But 1986 turned out to be a mix of joy and sorrow for the Gedman family.

In late April he caught Roger Clemens' 20-strikeout game. Gedman set an American League record with 20 putouts in that contest.

In May of 1986, Gedman's father passed away. "He was my rock. His death was a terrible loss to all of us."

July of 1986 brought him All-Star honors for the second straight year. As the season progressed he orchestrated the Red Sox pitching staff to 95 wins in their drive to the division title.

In September, Gedman lost his sister on the very day the team clinched its' Eastern Division crown. "It was a time of real conflict for me. Family is the most important thing in my life, but the team needed me too."

The Red Sox went on to defeat the California Angels for the

American League pennant. The victory in the seven-game series featured a storybook comeback by the team. Gedman chipped in with a .357 average and six RBI.

The Red Sox had the heavily-favored New York Mets down three games to two in the World Series but failed to hold leads in Games Six and Seven. Gedman told sportswriters at the time, "Imagine being a kid from Worcester. I've been hearing all my life about how the Red Sox never win. I'd love to be a part of the team that ends that, and maybe have something to do with it. You don't know how excited I was after I hit that home run in the seventh game of the World Series. I really thought we had it won. It's still hard to believe we didn't win."

During the off-season, Gedman elected to test the free agent market. Since he had not re-signed by January 1987, he could not go to spring training, and he could not rejoin the Red Sox until May 1.

LATER YEARS

Few baseball players maintain their offensive production at an All-Star level for an extended period of time. To do so requires an extraordinary combination of eye-hand coordination, physical reactions and total concentration. Gedman was unable to sustain his all-star offensive production after the 1986 season.

His shortened 1987 season resulted in a .205 batting average. In 1988, he batted .357 in the American League Championship Series

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with Oakland, but for the overall season his outstanding defensive play exceeded his offensive contribution. While Gedman caught 93 games for the 1989 team, his offensive production still lagged. In June of 1990, the Red Sox sold his contract to the Houston Astros. In 20 years the kid from Worcester had gone from the bleachers of Fenway Park, down to the playing field, and on to the National League.

Gedman finished out that season with Houston, and then moved on to the St. Louis Cardinals for 1991. He served as the backup catcher to the Cards' Tom Paganzzi and played under manager Joe Torre for two years. The 1992 season with the Cardinals would be Gedman's last in the major leagues.

"Once in awhile a guy will say to me, 'Gee Rich, it's too bad how your career turned out.' I don't look at it that way at all. I'm just a regular guy from Worcester, and I spent 13 seasons in the major leagues, 11 of them with the team I loved as a kid. I think of it as a terrific career."

TODAY

Today Rich Gedman's top priorities are his family, and his deeply-felt spiritual beliefs. He lives with his wife, Sherry, and two young sons, Michael (11) and Matthew (9), and his daughter, Marissa (6) in Framingham, MA. He actively participates in a number of charitable efforts in the Greater Boston area. This past winter he took part in a Red Sox-sponsored baseball clinic for inner-city youths. He is also a member of the coaching staff at Belmont Hill.

Gedman has operated a baseball camp for youngsters for several years. He runs two sessions in Newton and one session



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Geddy played in 62 games for Boston in 1981 hitting .288 and winning The Sporting News A.L. Rookie of the Year Award.

in Worcester each summer. "I love to work with the kids to improve their skills. It would be terrific if some of them can enjoy the successful experiences I had as a player. And after all I've been through, I think I have a lot to offer some team as a coach."

Rich experienced the cheers of the Fenway faithful, and he felt the sting of their jeers during the later stages of his career. Asked if he ever wondered if it would have been easier in a differ-

ent major league city he responds, "Never. Nothing could ever begin to compare with the thrill of growing up rooting for the home team, and then going on to play for that team. It's a unique experience that few enjoy. I wouldn't change it at all."

Take a good look at that young man sitting next to you at Fenway Park. It's a real long-shot, but someday he may grow up to be an All-Star for the Boston Red Sox. ■

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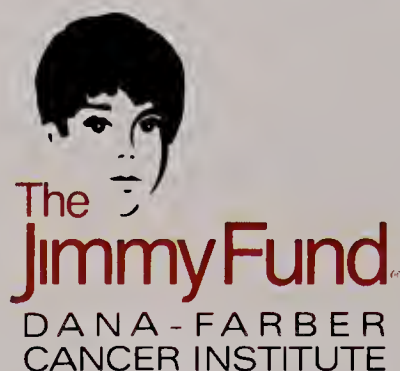
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Massachusetts Congressmen Joe Moakley (D-Boston), Richard Neal (D-Springfield), Jim McGovern (D-Worcester) and Bill Delahunt (D-Quincy) traveled to Cuba in January to witness the historic visit of Pope John Paul II to the island nation. The Congressmen traveled as the guests of Cardinal Law, Archbishop of Boston.

While in Cuba, the Congressmen met with Cuban President Fidel Castro for several hours to discuss U.S.-Cuba relations, human rights concerns, the significance of the Papal Visit and other matters. After the serious discussions, the meeting culminated in Moakley presenting Castro with a baseball signed by Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra and an official Red Sox jacket.

Pictured in photo (L-R): Moakley, Castro, Delahunt, McGovern, Neal.



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To accurately assess the legacy of Roberto Clemente, one must look far beyond his numerous accomplishments on the baseball diamond and yet further beyond his many great humanitarian efforts. His legacy is most evident in the many Latin American baseball stars flourishing in today's great game. Perennial all-stars like Juan Gonzalez; Pedro Martinez; Sandy Alomar, Jr. and Ivan Rodriguez all aspire toward the high standards set by Clemente during his brilliant career.

In much the same way that 1997 marked the golden anniversary of Jackie Robinson's entrance into the major leagues, 1998 presents another anniversary of significance in baseball history. Twenty-five years ago, the Pittsburgh Pirates' legend became the first Latin American to attain baseball's highest individual honor — election and induction into the Hall of Fame.

Wrapped in unusual and tragic circumstances, Clemente's 1973 election stirred an emotional reaction. Unlike the majority of Hall of Fame players, Clemente had died while in the midst of a stellar playing career. In 1972, Clemente won his 12th consecutive Gold Glove, batted .312 and collected his 3,000th hit. Although injuries had hobbled the 38-year-old more than ever, he still possessed the qualities of stardom.

On New Year's Eve, 1972, Clemente and four other men boarded a small DC-7, a four-engine plane that had a questionable past and

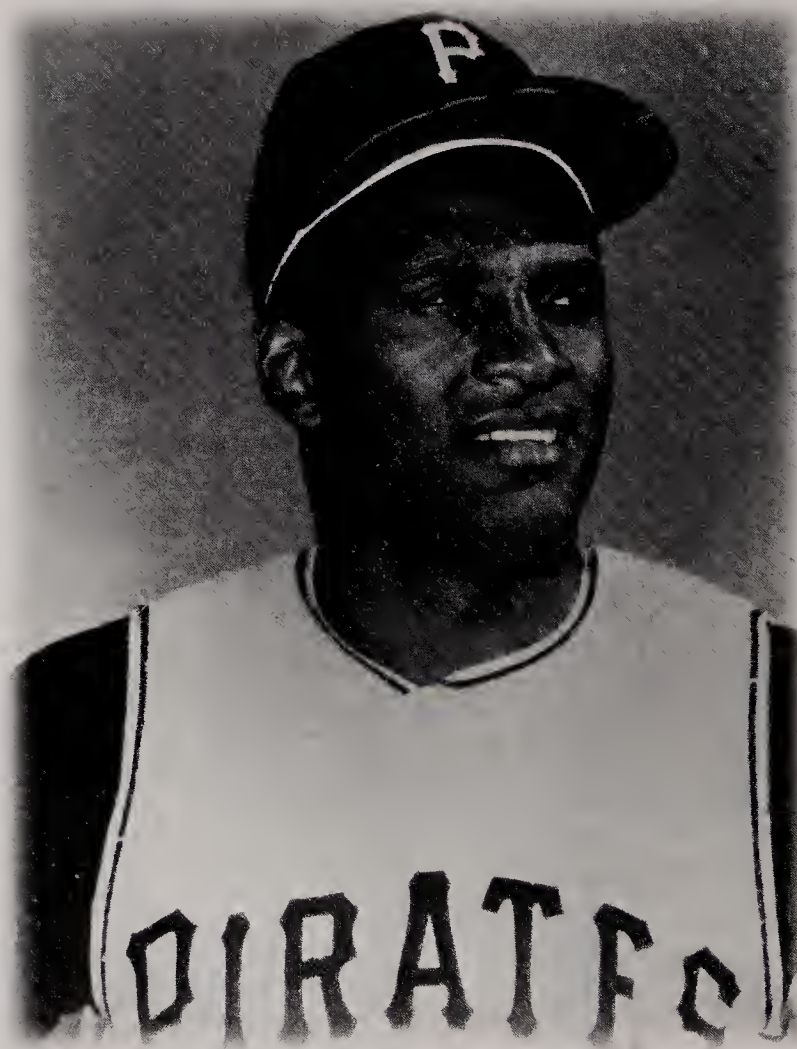


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"He played the kind of baseball that none of us had ever seen before — throwing, running and hitting at something close to the level of absolute perfection."

an overload of cargo. As the head of a Puerto Rican relief effort to aid victims of a devastating earthquake in Nicaragua, Clemente had decided to personally accompany the mission of airlifting food, clothing and medicine. Within five minutes of the 9:20 p.m. departure from San Juan's International Airport, the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. The accident killed all five passengers including Clemente.

The nation of Puerto Rico observed three days of official mourning for the island's greatest baseball star, and sportswriters across the United States began a movement to add Clemente's name to the Hall of Fame ballot. The rules for election had no provision for the untimely death of an active player.

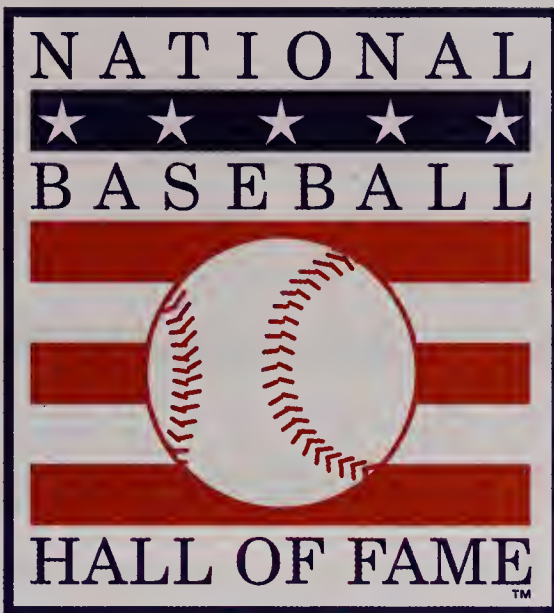
Jack Lang, the secretary-treasurer of the Baseball Writers' Association of America (BBWAA), suggested that his organization consider holding a special election. The president of the association, Houston Post writer Joe Heiling, supported the idea. After a discussion with the leaders of the baseball writers, Commissioner Bowie Kuhn added his support to the movement for a special election.

At the time, the BBWAA was already involved in the process of holding its regular election. Thirty writers returned ballots with Clemente's name written in, even though the Hall of Fame had not announced a decision on the star's eligibility. The write-in votes for Clemente indicated widening support for his immediate consideration for election to the Hall of Fame.

Just 14 days after his death, on January 13, the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors unanimously voted to waive the waiting period for Clemente. The decision allowed the baseball writers to create a special ballot for Clemente — immediately. The Hall of Fame had waived its waiting period once before, during its early years of existence, as a 1939 decision allowed Lou Gehrig, who was suffering from the fatal disease Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), to enter the Hall of Fame before his death.

On March 20, 1973, the baseball writers announced the results of their special election. Clemente received 393 votes on 424 ballots cast. With an overwhelming 93% of the writers calling for his election, Clemente's vote total surpassed the 75% needed to enter baseball's shrine. Clemente had joined some of baseball's most elite company and became the first Latino to win election to the Hall, paving the way for other Hispanic greats: Luis Aparicio, Rod Carew, Martin Dihigo and Juan Marichal.

Fewer than five months later, friends and fans of Clemente gathered in Cooperstown to witness the August 6th induction of "The Great One." The 1973 Pirates, most of whom had played with Clemente the previous season, traveled to Cooperstown that day to play in the annual Hall of Fame Game. Clemente's teammates



also attended the Induction Ceremony. The voice of Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, normally a stoic and reserved public speaker, wavered slightly as he read from Clemente's newly formed Hall of Fame plaque. Moments before introducing Clemente's widow, Vera, to the crowd, Kuhn continued his address:

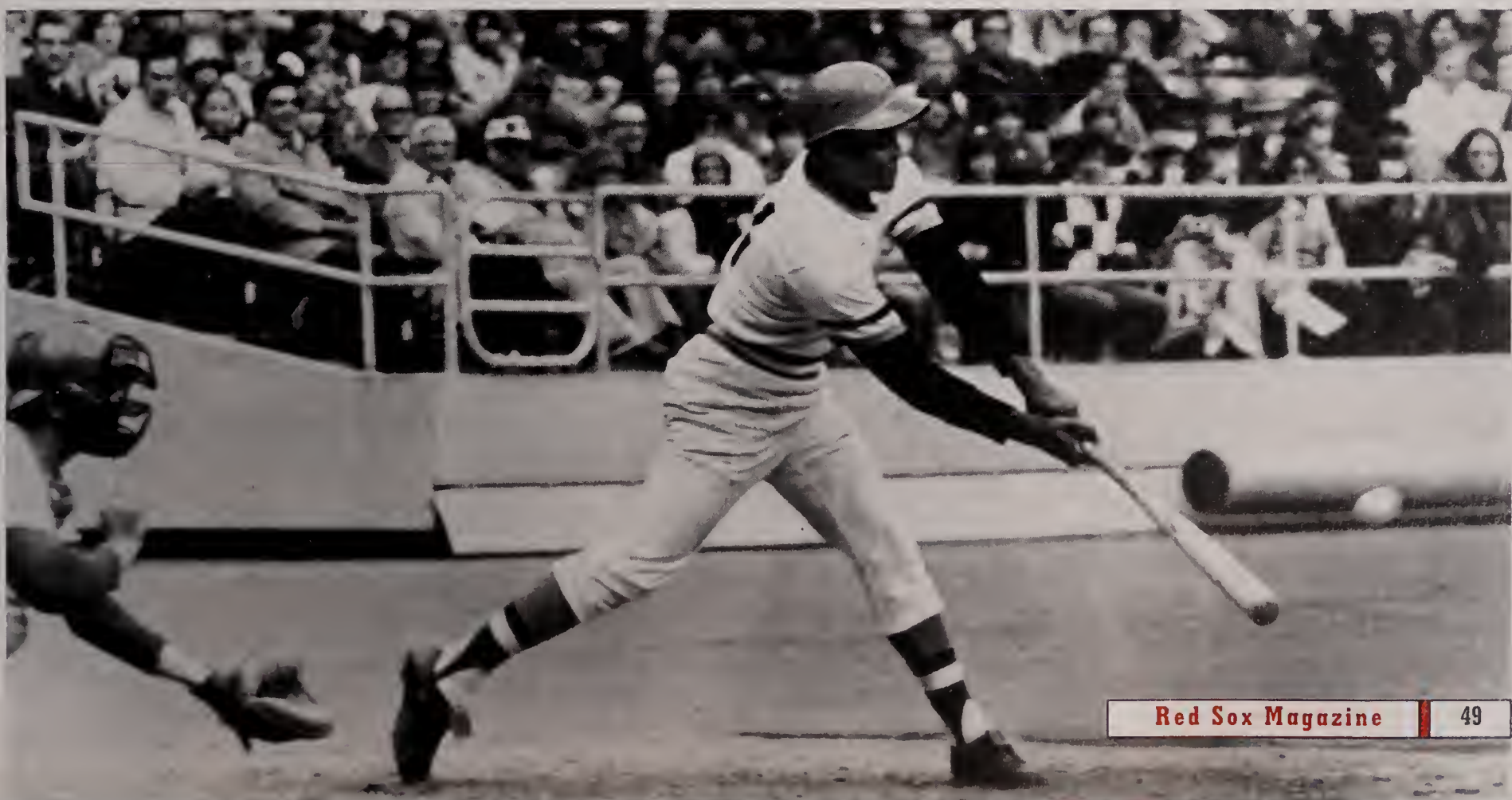
"So very great was he as a player. So very great was he as a leader. So very great was he as a humanitarian. So very great was he as an inspiration to the young, and so very great was his devotion to young people and particularly to the young people of his native island of Puerto Rico. Having said all those words, they are very inadequate to describe the real greatness of Roberto Walker Clemente."

A few months earlier, Kuhn had issued another eloquent comment — perhaps the most memorable quotation ever made about the Hall of Fame right fielder. "He had about him the touch of royalty," the commissioner told reporters.

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Clemente's election to the Hall of Fame, his legacy takes on added significance, especially given the current success of Latin American players in the major leagues. Livian Hernandez, a native of Cuba, was named MVP of last year's World Series after earning two victories for the Florida Marlins. In the 1997 All-Star Game, the Puerto Rican native Sandy Alomar, Jr. earned MVP honors after hitting the game-winning home run. Like his brother, Roberto, and fellow stars Rodriguez and Gonzalez, Alomar once played baseball at the "Roberto Clemente Sports City," an athletic complex for Puerto Rican youngsters. The Sports City, which first opened in 1973, represented the culmination of a dream that Clemente had envisioned during his all-too-short life.

Memories of Clemente has encouraged many Latin American youngsters to pursue the dream of playing baseball. The words of Vera Clemente, speaking to reporters at the 1973 Induction Ceremony, capture the continuing legacy of her husband. "I have difficulty expressing the way I really feel. It's not just for me and my children," Vera said of Roberto's Hall of Fame induction. "It's a goal for all Latin American children, too." ■

Bruce Markusen: Hall of Fame Senior researcher





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1966	Ken Brett /LHP	1967, 69-71
1967	Mike Garman /RHP	1969, 71-73
1968	Tom Maggard /C-1B	died of unexplained causes 9/9/73 after AAA season with Pawtucket.
1969	Noel Jenke /OF	
1970	Jimmy Lee Hacker/3B	
1971	Jim Rice /OF	1974-89
1972	Joel Bishop /SS	
1973	Ted Cox /INF-SS	1977
1974	Eddie Ford, Jr. /SS	
1975	Otis Foster /1B	
1976	Bruce Hurst /LHP	1980-88
1977	Andrew Madden /RHP	injured arm, retired after 1979.
1978	Ed Connors /3B	
1979	Marc Sullivan /C	1982, 84-87
1980	Mike Brown /RHP	1982-86
1981	Steve Lyons /OF-SS	1985-86, 91-93
1982	Sam Horn /1B	1987-89
1983	Roger Clemens /RHP	1984-96
1984	John Marzano /C	1987-92
1985	Dan Gabriele /RHP	
1986	Greg McMurtry/OF	Accepted football scholarship to U. of Michigan
1987	Reggie Harris /RHP	1996
1988	Tom Fischer /LHP	
1989	Greg Blosser /OF	1993-94
1990	Frankie Rodriguez /SS-RHP	1995
1991	Aaron Sele /RHP	1993-97
1992	Tony Sheffield /OF	
1993	Trot Nixon /OF	1996
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"I think it has a lot of effect, throwing behind a guy who throws 94 or 95 miles per hour. Obviously, the numbers prove that. I think a lot of it has to do with having a guy like that who takes a lot of the pressure off me and the rest of the staff, because he's a true No. 1 pitcher. Just having him, whether it's in front of me or behind me, helps with the timing of the hitters."

Whether he realizes it or not, Wakefield may be the last of a dying breed, with Tampa Bay's Dennis Springer and Oakland's Tom Candiotti the only other knuckleballers still active in the majors. Wakefield doesn't know whether there will be any other knuckleballers to carry the torch, but he is always willing to help out a youngster eager to learn.

"Their hands are still a little small, but

"I didn't know what to expect when I got here," he admitted. "I think they're the most knowledgeable fans that I know of in baseball. They want a winner here, I know that. They can be brutal at times too, but that's just the nature of being in Boston."

I'm always cordial with youngsters and show them how I hold it," said Wakefield, who first learned the knuckler from his father. "Really, it's a fun pitch to learn to throw.

"Over the years, I've played with it, experimented with it and learned different things. Every day is a learning experience."

Wakefield has only two goals this season: To get back over .500 and stay healthy enough to pitch 200 innings for the third

year in a row. While he values his privacy off the field, Wakefield says he has come to embrace the pressures of pitching in front of the Fenway Faithful during his time on Yawkey Way.

"I didn't know what to expect when I got here," he admitted. "I think they're the most knowledgeable fans that I know of in baseball. They want a winner here, I know that. They can be brutal at times too, but that's just the nature of being in Boston.

"They know the game of baseball. They don't just stand there and cheer when things go good and boo when things go bad. They understand more of what's going on."

So does a wiser Wakefield, although not all of the lessons he has learned have come easy. ■

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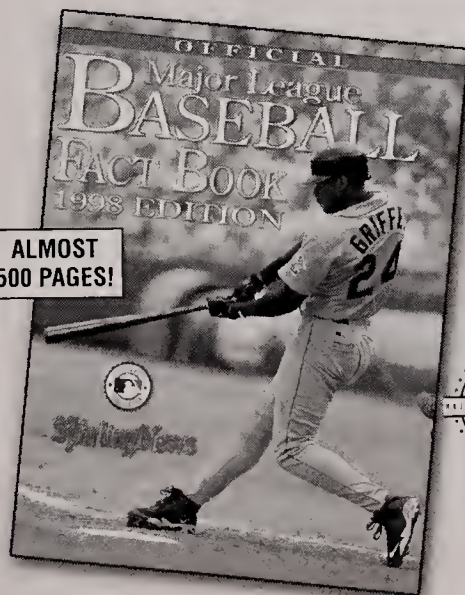
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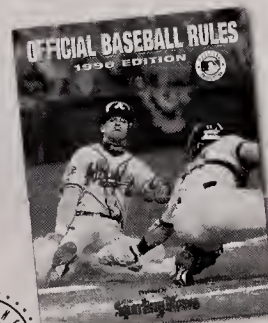
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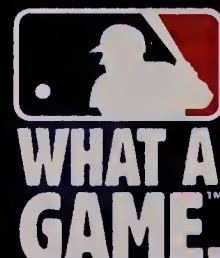
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What's In A Name?

by
john grabowski

The 3- and 4-letter words below may be found in the names of players who performed for the Red Sox in 1997. How many can you identify?

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—	A	M	O	—	—	—	—	—	—
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ANSWERS ON PAGE 63

Is My Face Red!

The last name of each of the 1997 American League players listed below either contains, or is, the name of a color. See how many you can identify. The player's first name and team are given as clues.

Scott (Minnesota)
Kevin (Texas)
Shawn (Toronto)
Todd (Anaheim)
Julio (Texas)
Mike (New York)
Matt (Texas)

Brent (Milwaukee)
Cal (Milwaukee)
Charlie (Baltimore)
Wilson (Texas)
Mike (Boston, New York)
Mark (New York)

1997 Team Leaders

Listed in the puzzle below are the names of 9 Boston players who led the team in some category last season. Find the names and circle them as you find them. They may run in any direction, as long as they lie in a straight line. Good luck!
(The categories are given as clues.)

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------|---------------|
| 1. complete games | 2. balks | 3. doubles |
| 4. games pitched | 5. saves | 6. strikeouts |
| 7. sacrifice hits | 8. wins | 9. home runs |

W	Q	A	P	K	F	G	T	E
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Age: 27, Turns 28 June 12;
 Born: June 12, 1970, Baltimore, MD
 Ht.: 5-10; Wt.: 170; Bats and Throws: Right
 Home: Phoenix, AZ

Originally signed by Baltimore Orioles,
 June 1990.

Traded from Texas to Boston November 6,
 1997 along with C Jim Leyritz in
 exchange for RHPs Aaron Sele, Mark
 Brandenburg and C Bill Haselman.

Major League Experience:
 Baltimore (1993-95); Mets
 (1995); Texas (1996-97)

In 1997:

- Set career highs in
 G (122), AB (366),
 R (49), H (82), 2B (18),
 HR (8), RBI (39), BB (30) and SB (18);
 led Texas in SB.
- Hit inside-the-park-HR June 5 at Kansas City
 off Kevin Appier.
- Had career-best 4 hits August 31 at San Diego.
- Had .990 fielding pct. (3 E/292 TC) in 117 total
 games in the OF.

Career Highlights:

- In 1996 hit career-high .283 (41-145).
- Hit 1st career grand slam off Kevin Wickander
 (Milwaukee) June 12, 1996.
- Had 2 HR in one game September 13, 1995
 with the N.Y. Mets vs. Houston.
- Named International League best defensive
 OF by *Baseball America* in a survey of league
 managers (1994 & '95).
- 1st M.L. hit May 5, 1993 (Willie Banks)
 and 1st HR May 6 (Scott Brow) both off
 Toronto.
- Stole 64 bases in 1992: 42 with
 Hagerstown (O's AA) and 23 with
 Rochester (AAA), 3rd most in minor
 league baseball.
- Was 2nd in Carolina League in SB with
 50 in 1991 for O's A Frederick team.

Personal/Background:

- Son of Don Buford, former OF with
 the White Sox and Orioles.
- Played in Cape Cod League for
 Cotuit (1988) and Brewster
 (1989-90).
- Attended U.S.C. (Los Angeles)
 and earned freshman All-
 American honors in 1988.
- Orioles' 10th round pick in
 1990 June free agent draft.

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PLAYER	POS.	TRIPLES	YEAR
Russ Scarritt	LF	17	1929
Hobe Ferris	2B	15	1901
Doug Taitt	RF	14	1928
Phil Todt	1B	13	1925
Nomar Garciaparra	SS	*11	1997
Ted Williams	RF	11	1939
Gavvy Cravath	OF	11	1908

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Kids' Page Answers

1997 Team Leaders

1. complete games WAKEFIELD
2. balks GRUNDT
3. doubles VALENTIN
4. games pitched WASDIN
5. saves SLOCUMB
6. strikeouts GORDON
7. sacrifice hits BRAGG
8. wins SELE
9. home runs VAUGHN

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Is My Face Red!

Scott	(Minnesota)	aldRED
Brent	(Milwaukee)	bREDe
Kevin	(Texas)	BROWN
Cal	(Milwaukee)	eldRED
Shawn	(Toronto)	GREEN
Charlie	(Baltimore)	GREENe
Todd	(Anaheim)	GREENe
Wilson	(Texas)	heREDia
Julio	(Texas)	sanTANa
Mike	(Boston and New York)	sTANley
Mike	(New York)	sTANton
Mark	(New York)	WHITEn
Matt	(Texas)	WHITEside

What's In A Name?

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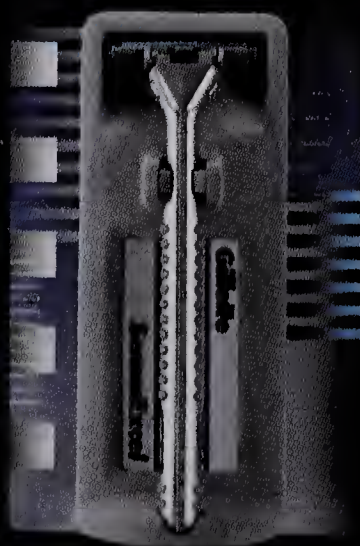
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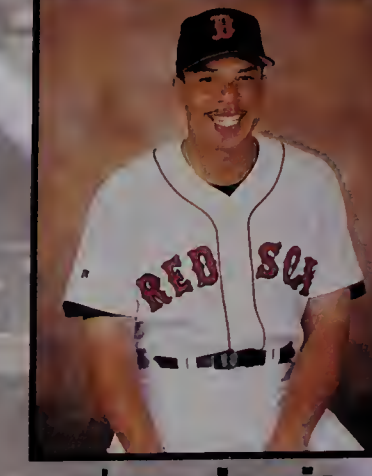
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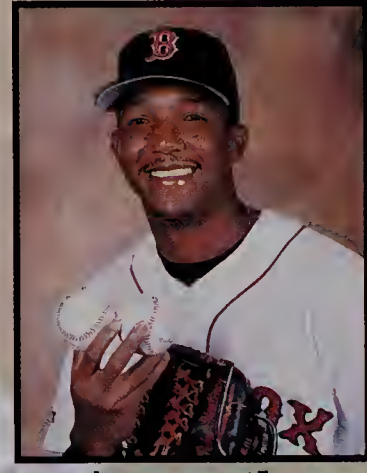
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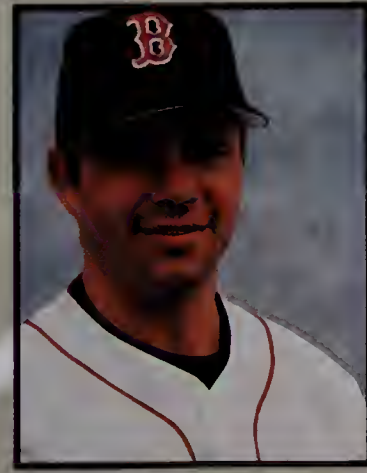
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